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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON DECEMBER 20, 2005, BEGINS ON PAGE 109.]**

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE DECEMBER 20TH MEETING OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST WE WILL
8 BE LED IN PRAYER BY THE PASTOR VINCENT DUNCAN, OF THE CALVARY
9 BAPTIST CHURCH AT PACOIMA IN SAN FERNANDO AND OUR PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY CEPHUS DANIELS, WHO IS THE COMMANDER OF
11 DISTRICT NUMBER 2, AMVETS. PASTOR?

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13 **THE REVEREND VINCENT DUNCAN:** CREATOR OF THE HEAVENS AND EARTH,
14 WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THESE UNITED STATES AND ITS
15 GOVERNMENTS: NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL. WE HOLD UP IN PRAYER
16 BEFORE YOU THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE IN A POSITION OF
17 AUTHORITY. WE PRAY IN INTERCEDE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH, THE
18 REPRESENTATIVES, NATIONAL AND STATE, THE SENATORS, NATIONAL
19 AND STATE; THE JUDGES OF OUR LAND, THE POLICEMEN AND WOMEN AS
20 WELL AS OUR GOVERNOR AND OUR MAYOR, OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
21 CITY COUNCIL AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY OVER US. WE PRAY
22 YOUR SPIRIT WILL REST UPON THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SKILLS
23 AND WISDOM OF OUR CREATOR HAS ENTERED INTO THE HEARTS OF OUR
24 LEADERS AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS PRESENT TO THEM. DISCRETION
25 WATCHES OVER THEM, UNDERSTANDING KEEPS THEM AND THEY ARE



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1 DELIVERED FROM THE WAYS OF EVIL AND EVIL MEN. CREATOR OF THE
2 HEAVENS AND EARTH, WE ASK YOU COMPASS MAYOR WITH MEN AND WOMEN
3 WHO MAKES THEIR HEARTS AND EARS ATTENTIVE TO MORAL AND UPRIGHT
4 COUNSEL AND DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT IN YOUR SIGHT. WE BELIEVE
5 YOU CALLS THEM TO BE MEN AND WOMEN OF INTEGRITY WHO ARE
6 OBEDIENT CONCERNING US, THAT WE MAY LIVE A QUIET AND
7 PROFITABLE LIFE IN A GODLY AND HONESTY. WE PRAY THAT THE
8 UPRIGHT WOULD DWELL IN OUR GOVERNMENT, THAT MEN AND WOMEN
9 BLAMELESS AND COMPLETE IN YOUR SIGHT SHALL REMAIN IN THESE
10 POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY BUT THE WICKED SHALL BE CUT OFF FROM
11 OUR GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL AND THE TREACHEROUS
12 SHALL BE ROOTED OUT OF IT. IT'S BEEN WRITTEN AND DECLARED THAT
13 BLESSED IS A NATION WHO FOLLOWS THE CREATOR AND
14 UPRIGHTEOUSNESS. WE RECEIVE YOUR BLESSINGS, OH CREATOR. YOU
15 ARE OUR REFUGE AND STRONGHOLD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, HIGH COSTS,
16 DESTITUTION AND DESPERATION. SO WE'RE DECLARING WITH OUR MOUTH
17 THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES DWELL SAFELY IN THIS LAND AND
18 WE WILL PROSPER ABUNDANTLY. WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS
19 THROUGH YOU. IT HAS ALSO BEEN WRITTEN THAT THE HEARTS OF OUR
20 LEADERS ARE IN YOUR HANDS AND YOU TURN THEM WHICHEVER WAY YOU
21 DESIRE. WE BELIEVE THE HEARTS OF OUR LEADERS ARE IN YOUR HANDS
22 AND THAT THEIR DECISIONS ARE DIVINELY DIRECTED OF YOU. SO NOW
23 WE GIVE YOU THANKS THAT GOOD NEWS IS PUBLISHED IN OUR LAND,
24 YOUR WORD SHALL PREVAIL AND GROW MIGHTILY IN THE HEARTS AND
25 LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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1 AND THIS ENTIRE NATION. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THIS LAND AND
2 THE LEADERS YOU HAVE GIVEN US AND ALL THAT ARE IN AGREEMENT
3 SAID AMEN.

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5 **ALL:** AMEN.

6

7 **CEPHUS DANIELS:** WOULD EVERYONE PLACE THEIR RIGHT HAND OVER
8 THEIR HEART AND FOLLOW AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PASTOR DUNCAN IS A PASTOR OVER THE
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY AND SERVES AS THE OFFICE ASSISTANT AT
12 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF PACOIMA. HE MINISTERS EVERY TUESDAY
13 NIGHT AT THE PENNY LANE AND, ON FRIDAY EVENINGS, HE HOLDS A
14 FAITH-BASED CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP THAT DEALS WITH SUBSTANCE
15 ABUSE. THIS ORGANIZATION IS CALLED FREE AND ONE. PASTOR DUNCAN
16 IS A PROUD MEMBER OF AMVETS, POST NUMBER 116, AND A MEMBER OF
17 THE N.A.A.C.P. SO PASTOR DUNCAN, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND
18 LEADING US IN PRAYER DURING THIS HOLY SEASON. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME CEPHUS DANIELS AS
21 OUR PLEDGE VETERAN. HE IS FROM CULVER CITY, AMVETS DISTRICT 2.
22 HE IS THE COMMANDER. IN TERMS OF HIS CIVILIAN POSITION, HE'S A
23 MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR AT THE V.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN WEST L.A.
24 HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE DISTRICT FOR 11 YEARS. HE WENT TO
25 SCHOOL IN OHIO AND IN SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AND HE SERVED AS A



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1 SERGEANT IN THE U.S. ARMY FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION, SERVED IN
2 GERMANY. HE RECEIVED THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL
3 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDICAL, ARMY OVERSEAS RIBBON. THANK YOU FOR
4 BEING WITH US, AND HE TELLS ME ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THEY'RE
5 DOING AS VETERANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND CULVER CITY AND
6 BEYOND THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, BRINGING THEM ALL HOLIDAY CHEER.
7 GOOD HOLIDAY SEASON. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO THROUGH THE AGENDA
10 BEFORE WE DO OUR PRESENTATIONS.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM CS-2, THE DIRECTOR
14 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NO OBJECTION.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D AND 2-D.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8,
6 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THAT INCLUDES
7 THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. AND THE REST ARE
8 BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 9 THROUGH
14 18. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND
15 THAT INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. ON
16 ITEM NUMBER 14, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO".
17 AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 16, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A
18 REQUESTS A THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO JANUARY 10, 2006.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE THE REMAINDER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SO NOTED ON 14 BY
23 MOLINA VOTING "NO". SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 19 AND 20.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.

3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 21

6 AND 22.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, ITEM 23.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT

14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, 24.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT

19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 39. ON

22 ITEM NUMBER 28, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE

23 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO JANUARY 10, 2006, AS NOTED ON THE

24 GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND

25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 32, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR



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1 KNABE. ON ITEM 34, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM
2 NUMBER 37, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC. AND ALSO, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP 31
4 AND 37 TOGETHER, JUST FOR THE RECORD. AND THEN, ON ITEM 38,
5 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO AS NOTED, MOTION BY
8 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES. ON ITEM 40, HOLD FOR A
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 41 AND 42.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC DEFENDER, ITEM 43.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. ON ITEM 44, THAT
22 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET AND THOSE
23 ITEMS AND THE REVISIONS ARE BEFORE YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 45 THROUGH 60.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEM 61.
10 THAT ALSO INCLUDES REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET AND
11 WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD. ON ITEM
12 62, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
13 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO
14 JANUARY 10, 2006.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 63 THROUGH 68. ON ITEM 63,
20 THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 69 AND
2 70.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 71
8 THROUGH 79.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 80
14 THROUGH 82 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD. ON
15 ITEM 80, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND
16 TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
17 RELATING TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR COUNTY OFFICES PROPOSITION
18 B, THE ADDITION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROCESS FOR CAMPAIGN
19 FINANCE VIOLATIONS, THE ADDITION OF RECIPROCAL VIOLATIONS FOR
20 COUNTY LOBBYISTS MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, CLARIFICATION
21 THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER WILL ADMINISTER AND IMPOSE THE
22 ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AS WELL AS MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
23 ORDINANCE AND OTHER CHANGES WHICH FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF
24 PROPOSITION B. ON ITEM 81, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2,
25 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO PERMIT



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1 CONTRACTS WITH PHYSICIAN RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS WHO WERE
2 EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITHIN THE 12-MONTH
3 PERIOD PRECEDING THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY...

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, MR. MAYOR. 82, AN ORDINANCE
8 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, AND TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVELING
10 EXPENSES, CHANGES IN SALARIES OR DESIGN, DESIGNATED CLASSES,
11 THE CREATION OF CLASSES, THE DELETION OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS
12 AND OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS. AND THOSE ORDINANCES ARE
13 BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 83. FOR
19 ADOPTION. ITEM 83. I'M SORRY, 83 IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 84 THROUGH 86. 84
25 IS BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 85 ALSO IS BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 86, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA,
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
12 JANUARY 10, 2006, AT 11:00 A.M.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S 86. PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 87, WE'LL
17 HOLD THAT FOR HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
18 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
19 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
20 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM
21 88-A, WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THIS FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON
22 ITEM 88-B, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS A THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE
23 TO JANUARY 10, 2006.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED,
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM TO JANUARY 6. SO
3 ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 88-C IS BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
11 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST DO OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE
15 MONTH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE APPROVE THE ORDINANCES?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES. JOINING ME TODAY WILL BE DR.
20 BRUCE CHERNOFF, WHO IS THE DHS INTERIM DIRECTOR AND DR.
21 RICARDO CALDERON, WHO IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
22 AREA DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER. THIS MORNING, WE ARE GOING
23 TO RECOGNIZE ANGELA LOZANO-PEREZ, WHO IS THE 2005 DECEMBER
24 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. SHE'S AN EMPLOYEE WITH L.A. COUNTY FOR
25 THE PAST 17 YEARS. SHE'S CURRENTLY A NURSE MANAGER WITH THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHERE SHE'S ASSIGNED TO THE
2 HOLLYWOOD WILSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER. USING EXISTING
3 RESOURCES AND A COLLABORATIVE TEAM-BUILDING APPROACH, ANGELA
4 INCREASED THE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE BY ADDING CLINICAL
5 SERVICES. A MONTH LATER, DUE TO HER PERSEVERANCE, DILIGENCE
6 AND INITIATIVE, CLINIC HOURS WERE EXTENDED AND COMMUNICABLE
7 DISEASES, IMMUNIZATION AND PHONE TRIAGE. ANGELA TRAINS HER
8 STAFF ON THE NEED TO FORM COALITIONS WITH PARTNERSHIPS,
9 BUILDING THOSE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS
10 INCREASING COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND VISIBILITY. SO, AS A RESULT,
11 THE PARTNERSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORGED WITH THE S.T.D. MOBILE VAN,
12 THE LOS ANGELES FREE CLINIC, QUEENS CARE MIDNIGHT MISSION AND
13 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY. SHE
14 ATTAINED A BACHELOR, A MASTER'S ARTS DEGREE IN NURSING AND IS
15 A MEMBER OF THE SIGMA THETA TA NURSING ORDER SOCIETY. IN HER
16 SPARE TIME, SHE VOLUNTEERS AT HER LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
17 INVOLVED WITH THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMUNITY CENTER AND
18 HER GIRL SCOUT TROOP. SO, ANGELA, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, LET
19 US GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE PIN FOR BEING THE
20 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANGELA, SAY A FEW WORDS. I'M GOING TO
23 ASK DR. CHERNOFF AND DR. FIELDING TO SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL.

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1 **ANGELA LOZANO-PEREZ:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR BEING
2 HERE. IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. THIS
3 AWARD IS WHAT I CONSIDER A TEAM AWARD. IT WAS DUE TO THE
4 COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT OF EVERYONE AT THE HOLLYWOOD
5 WILSHIRE AND THAT IS FROM CUSTODIAL SERVICES, SECURITY GUARDS,
6 BUSINESS OFFICE, PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATORS, X-RAY TECHS,
7 PUBLIC HEALTH, NURSING, NURSING, THE AREA MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND
8 THE FULL SUPPORT OF MY AREA HEALTH OFFICER, DR. RICARDO
9 CALDERON. AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MY FAMILY, MY HUSBAND AND
10 MY CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN VERY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE OF
11 MY LONG WORKING HOURS AT THE SERVICE PLANNING AREA SPA 4. AND
12 HERE WITH ME I HAVE MY SISTER, ALSO, WHO IS LIKE MY SECOND
13 MOM, AND MY KIDS, ALEX AND VANESSA. THANK YOU ALL AND HAPPY
14 HOLIDAYS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CHERNOFF?

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES, I REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING,
20 OUTSTANDING WORK. THE EFFORTS THAT YOU BRING REPRESENT WHAT WE
21 NEED FROM ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO STEP UP
22 AND LEAD AND TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR OUR PATIENTS, THOSE
23 FOLKS WHO HAVE US AS THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF CARE, IS
24 ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL. I HOPE EVERYBODY IN THE DEPARTMENT SEES
25 YOU AS THE SUCCESS THAT YOU ARE AND THAT WE CAN ALL STRIVE TO



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1 BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS YOU ARE AS WE LOOK AT OUR JOBS GOING
2 FORWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. FIELDING, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
5 HEALTH.

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ANGELA REPRESENTS THE BEST IN PUBLIC
8 HEALTH: GREAT LEADERSHIP, GREAT INITIATIVE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
9 NURSING IS AT THE CORE OF WHAT WE DO IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH
10 AND HEALTHCARE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY, SO
11 CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR AND A GREAT
12 EXEMPLAR TO EVERYBODY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'D LIKE TO ASK CHAKA KHAN
17 TO COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR
20 PROGRAMS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT, FOR MORE THAN
21 30 YEARS, SHE'S BEEN AT THE TOP OF THE MUSIC CHARTS. IN THE
22 EARLY '70S, SHE BECAME LEAD SINGER FOR RUTHLESS, ONE OF THE
23 FIRST MULTI-RACIAL BANDS OF ITS TIME. THE GROUP SOLD ONE
24 PLATINUM ALBUM, FIVE GOLD ALBUMS AND FIVE GOLD SINGLES, FIVE
25 NUMBER 1 HITS AND WON TWO GRAMMY AWARDS. CHAKA KHAN WENT ON TO



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1 RECORD SUCH CLASSICS AS, "I'M EVERY WOMAN AND I FEEL FOR YOU".
2 SHE'S A SONGWRITER AND HAS RECORDED WITH ARTISTS FROM ALL
3 MUSICAL GENRES. SHE'S RECORDED WITH DIZZY GILLESPIE, BOBBY
4 MCFERRIN, GLADYS KNIGHT, MYLES DAVIS. SHE WON LONDON'S 1995
5 CAPITAL RADIO LISTENERS POLL AWARD FOR LONDON'S BEST ACTRESS
6 FOR HER ON STAGE PERFORMANCE IN "MAMA, I WANT TO SING" ON
7 LONDON'S WEST END. TODAY, SHE'S BEING HONORED FOR HER
8 COMMUNITY ADVOCACY. IN 1999, SHE FORMED THE CHAKA KHAN
9 FOUNDATION, WHICH ASSISTS WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT RISK AND
10 WHICH, IN 2004, RAISED MORE THAN \$1.4 MILLION FOR AUTISM
11 RESEARCH, AWARENESS AND THERAPY. THIS YEAR, THE FOCUS OF THE
12 FOUNDATION IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON MOTIVATING SCHOOL
13 CHILDREN IN L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT NUMBER 7 WHICH COVERS MOST OF
14 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AND THEIR AIM IS TO GET THOSE
15 CHILDREN TO GO TO COLLEGE. THE FOUNDATION HAS ALLOCATED
16 \$10,000 FOR A PILOT PROJECT, CHILDREN IN THE FIFTH GRADE AT
17 92ND STREET SCHOOL. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES WORKSHOPS FOR
18 INFORMATION ABOUT CORE CLASSES FOR COLLEGE PREP, PRELIMINARY
19 INFORMATION ABOUT THE S.A.T. AND FINANCIAL AID. IT ENDS WITH A
20 DAY BEING SPENT ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS FOR A PREVIEW EXPERIENCE
21 OF COLLEGE LIFE. LATE ACTIVITIES IN FAMILIES AND SCHOOL WILL
22 INCLUDE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES IN THE SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH
23 GRADE. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM MUST DO SUMMER PROJECTS,
24 SUCH AS SUMMER SCHOOL, A SPORTS ORIENTED PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY
25 SERVICE. DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DO SOME



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1 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. I'M VERY PLEASED AND PROUD TO
2 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO CHAKA KHAN IN RECOGNITION OF HER
3 COMMITMENT TO THE WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE CHAKA
4 KHAN FOUNDATION. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE VERONICA COFIELD,
7 WHO IS PRESIDENT OF CHAKA KHAN FOUNDATION. AND WE ALSO HAVE A
8 REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEAM BURRIO WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL
9 SERVICES, L.A.U.S.D., WHO IS COORDINATING WITH THEM ON THE
10 PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL HAVE CHAKA SAY A FEW WORDS.

13

14 **CHAKA KHAN:** I WANT TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND
15 ALSO ESPECIALLY YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. I'M SO OVERWHELMED.
16 I'M VERY PROUD TO RECEIVE THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF MY
17 FOUNDATION. WE BEGAN GROWING-- WE BEGAN A CONCERN FOR CHILDREN
18 WHO WERE OF LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN DESCENT AND AT THE LOW
19 RATE OF COLLEGE, YOU KNOW, ENTRIES INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 AND KIDS DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN A REAL PROBLEM. WE
21 THEREFORE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE L.A.U.S.D. AND THE L.A.
22 SCHOOL-- THE FAMILY SCHOOL BOARD, FOUNDATION AND WHAT WE'RE
23 TRYING TO DO IS, IN OCTOBER 2005, WE PARTNERED WITH FAMILIES
24 AND SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING KIDS GOING TO COLLEGE
25 SCHOOL PROGRAM. WHAT WE'RE DOING SPECIFICALLY-- IT'S HARD FOR



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1 ME TO READ THIS. I WOULD RATHER SPEAK FROM MY HEART. WHAT
2 WE'RE DOING SPECIFICALLY IS MAKING SURE THAT THESE CHILDREN IN
3 THE FIFTH GRADE LEVEL REMAIN INTERESTED IN SCHOOL ENOUGH AND
4 KNOW THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THEM GOING TO COLLEGE.
5 WITH THIS POSSIBILITY, I THINK THE CHILDREN WILL BE EXCITED
6 ABOUT LEARNING AND SCHOOL AND PROBABLY STAY IN SCHOOL AND NOT
7 DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. IT IS AMAZING AND ALARMING THE RATE
8 OF CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT MAKING IT PAST EIGHTH GRADE. IT'S
9 REALLY SCARY. AND WE HAVE TO REALLY DO SOMETHING FOR OUR
10 BABIES TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO
11 COLLEGE, AND ESPECIALLY STARTING AT THAT LEVEL, WE'LL BE ABLE
12 TO ENSURE PROPER MANDATORY COURSES, MAKE SURE THEY'RE ELECTED
13 SO THE CHILD CAN PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE. THIS IS VERY
14 IMPORTANT. WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN BE INVOLVED
15 WITH YOU, MISS BRATHWAITE- BURKE AND GET SOME THINGS GOING FOR
16 THESE KIDS. I APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.
17 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE WANT YOU TO KEEP UP THE
20 GOOD WORK.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE. I'M REPRESENTING LOCAL
23 DISTRICT 7 THIS MORNING AND MY SUPERINTENDENT, CAROL TRUSCOTT,
24 WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF
25 OTHER COMMITMENTS. BUT I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 ONCE AGAIN THANK CHAKA KHAN FOR HER INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH IN
2 LOCAL DISTRICT 7 AND AT 92ND STREET SCHOOL, CHILDREN WHO MIGHT
3 OTHERWISE NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND COLLEGE OR EVEN
4 TO THINK ABOUT ATTENDING COLLEGE NOW ARE FOCUSED ON THAT GOAL
5 BECAUSE OF CHAKA KHAN'S EFFORTS AND I THINK, AT THIS SEASON OF
6 CARING AND GIVING AND IMPARTING IN THE SPIRIT OF OTHERS, THAT
7 CHAKA KHAN HAS STEPPED FORWARD AND SHE REALLY SHOULD BE
8 COMMENDED FOR THIS GREAT EFFORT AND I THANK HER TEAM ALSO FOR
9 THE HARD WORK THAT THEY'RE PUTTING INTO THIS. THANK YOU. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND HER SISTER IS HERE ALSO, WHO IS PART OF THE
13 FOUNDATION. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'D NOW LIKE TO CALL UP SOMEONE THAT WE ALL SEE,
18 LEVI KINGSTON AND WILMA KIEL FROM THE HOOVER INTERGENERATIONAL
19 CARE CENTER. USUALLY, WE SEE LEVI AT THE COLISEUM BECAUSE HE
20 IS VERY INTERESTED IN THAT COMMUNITY BUT, MOST OF ALL, HE IS
21 THE FOUNDER OF THE HOOVER INTERGENERATIONAL CARE, WHICH IS A
22 CHILDCARE CENTER THAT IS FUNDED FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE
23 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THROUGH ITS CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
24 AND FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THE MISSION OF THE CENTER
25 WAS AND IS TO AFFORD AFFORDABLE, QUALITY, STATE-OF-THE-ART



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1 CHILD CARE IN A SETTING THAT INVOLVES SENIOR CITIZENS AND
2 OTHER AGE GROUPS THUS ENHANCING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN SO THAT
3 THEY CAN BECOME POSITIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.
4 THE CENTER SERVES CHILDREN AGES 2-1/2 TO 12. IT OFFERS PRE-
5 KINDERGARTEN READINESS FOR CHILDREN 2-1/2 TO 5 AND AFTER
6 SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE HOMEWORK SUPERVISION AND ACADEMIC
7 ENRICHMENT FOR CHILDREN 5 THROUGH 12. RECENTLY, HOOVER
8 INTERGENERATIONAL CARE HAS EXPANDED ITS SERVICES BY PROVIDING
9 CHILDCARE FOR KATRINA EVACUEES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA WITH
10 CHILDREN 5 THROUGH 12. THE CENTER IS LOCATED NEAR U.S.C. AND
11 HAS PARTNERED WITH SENIOR CITIZENS, INCLUDING FOSTER
12 GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM MEMBERS WITH U.S.C., HEBREW UNION
13 COLLEGE, HILLEL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN SERVING CHILDREN.
14 IT'S AN ACCREDITED CHILDCARE FACILITY AND HAS FROM THE
15 BEGINNING PROVIDED CARE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY. AND, YOU KNOW,
16 TODAY, WE HAVE MONEYS THAT WE PROVIDE FOR SOME OF THE
17 PRESCHOOL AND THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT'S BEING AVAILABLE,
18 BUT HERE IS A PROGRAM THAT, FOR 28 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING
19 CHILDCARE, HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT THAT MISSION, ENRICHING
20 SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. SO, LEVI, TO YOU,
21 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

24



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1 **LEVI KINGSTON:** FIRST OF ALL, IT'S GREAT TO BE AMONG FRIENDS.
2 SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE I INCLUDE IN THAT CATEGORY THIS
3 MORNING AND I WANT TO SAY, ABOUT WILMA KIEL, SHE'S AWAY, OUT
4 OF TOWN, HER SON IS GRADUATING FLORIDA A AND M. I THINK THAT
5 HAPPENED LAST WEEK AND SO SHE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. FURTHER
6 THAN THAT, I THINK-- I WANT TO BE BRIEF BECAUSE THE
7 SUPERVISORS KNOW I CAN TALK TOO MUCH. [LAUGHTER]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP JULISSA MACQUEOS AND
13 SHE IS REPRESENTING THE ZOOLAGA-USA YOUTH MUSIC BAND. AND, IN
14 2001, ZOOLAGA-USA YOUTH MUSIC BAND WAS FORMED IN THE PICO-
15 UNION DISTRICT AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S
16 DISTRICT. AND IT'S AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TO KEEP CHILDREN
17 OFF THE STREET AND TO HELP THEM KEEP THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY
18 INTACT THROUGH MUSIC EDUCATION. THE BAND IS OPEN TO THE
19 COMMUNITY. CHILDREN MAY JOIN BY SHOWING UP FOR PRACTICE
20 SESSIONS AND CONTINUING TO DO SO TO PROVE THEIR INTEREST.
21 WHILE THEY OFTEN START OFF WITH LOANER INSTRUMENTS, EACH CHILD
22 BECOMES RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING OR BUYING HIS OR HER OWN
23 INSTRUMENT. THE BAND MEMBERS TYPICALLY FORM GROUPS THAT
24 PERFORM FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR WHICH THEY ARE PAID. THAT'S
25 HOW THEY SAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THEIR INSTRUMENT. THERE ARE



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1 45 BAND MEMBERS. THE OLDEST IS 17, THE YOUNGEST IS 7. AND SHE
2 IS HERE WITH US TODAY. SHE'S JULISSA MACQUEOS AND SHE JOINED
3 THE BAND WHEN SHE WAS THREE. SHE PLAYS THE FLUTE, SHE PERFORMS
4 AT COMMUNITY EVENTS. SHE'S GOING TO PERFORM A HOLIDAY
5 SELECTION FOR US AND, AFTERWARDS, I'LL PRESENT HER WITH A
6 SCROLL RECOGNIZING HER MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AS A MEMBER OF
7 ZOOLAGA-USA YOUTH MUSIC BAND. AND ALSO WITH HER IS HER FATHER,
8 STANISLAUS MACQUEOS, WHO IS MUSIC INSTRUCTOR FOR THE BAND.
9 ALSO, WE HAVE PEDRO REYES HERE, A COMMUNITY SUPPORTER.

10

11 **STANISLAUS MACQUEOS:** FIRST OF ALL, GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **JULISSA MACQUEOS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

14

15 **ALL:** GOOD MORNING.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU PLAY. [INSTRUMENTAL
18] [APPLAUSE] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [INSTRUMENTAL]
19 (JINGLE BELLS) [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SPEAKER:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO DEFINITELY MENTION
22 IS THAT MR. MACQUEOS IS ACTUALLY A VOLUNTEER, HE VOLUNTEERS
23 HIS TIME TO TEACH THE KIDS MUSIC. THE BAND IS LITERALLY
24 COMPOSED OUT OF 45 KIDS. JULISSA WAS OUR ONLY KID THAT WAS
25 ABLE TO SHOW UP TODAY. HOWEVER, SHE'S A THIRD GRADER AND SHE'S



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1 BEEN PRACTICING THE FLUTE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE IDEA
2 WAS TO RESCUE THE CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE STREET OR STREET
3 VIOLENCE OR TO GET THEM LITERALLY INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING MORE
4 PRODUCTIVE AND THIS COMMUNITY IS AN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY FROM
5 THE STATE OF OAXACA, MEXICO, THAT DECIDED TO RESCUE THEIR
6 ROOTS, THEIR CULTURE, IDENTITY AND TRADITIONS THROUGH MUSIC.
7 SO MOST OF THE KIDS LITERALLY FUNDRAISE AND ASK FOR DONATIONS
8 TO BUY THEIR INSTRUMENTS. THESE CHILDREN ARE LITERALLY
9 PRACTICING THROUGHOUT DISTRICT 2 AND THE PICO UNION
10 NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY COME OUT AND DO COMMUNITY EVENTS SUCH AS
11 WEDDINGS, SWEET 16S, HOLIDAYS, TO RAISE FUNDS AND THAT WAY
12 THEY CAN ALSO COLLECT OR HELP OUT THEIR OTHER YOUNGER SIBLINGS
13 TO BASICALLY LEARN MUSIC. SO THIS JULISSA.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SHE DID A GREAT JOB. LET'S GIVE HER ANOTHER
16 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NOTHING.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL GO DOWN THERE, MAGGIE. WELL, THIS
4 MORNING, WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ALSO A
5 FRIEND OF OURS AND THIS IS A PERSON WHO HAS HAD A GREAT DEAL
6 OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE
7 LEADER, MAGGIE BELTON'S COMMITMENT AND EFFORTS AS A GOVERNING
8 BOARD MEMBER AND BOARD CHAIR OF THE PERSONNEL ASSISTANT
9 SERVICES COUNCIL FOR OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WITH HER TODAY
10 IS JIM ADLER, WHO IS THE BOARD CHAIR, RONALD OSTERHOUSE, WHO
11 IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SIMON GULECH, WHO IS THE ASSISTANT
12 DIRECTOR AND REBECCA DOUGLAS, WHO IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. A
13 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, MAGGIE HAS MADE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
14 ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES FOR THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE
15 SERVICES PROGRAM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. LET ME JUST
16 POINT OUT AS A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF
17 INDEPENDENT LIVING, HER EFFORTS HAVE IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF
18 LIFE FOR OUR SENIORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES. MAGGIE'S
19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOME CARE
20 REGISTRY, WHICH MATCHES CONSUMERS WITH PROVIDERS OF HOME CARE
21 SERVICES. SHE CREATED THE CREATION OF THE P.A.S.C., S.E.I.U.
22 HOMECARE WORKERS HEALTHCARE PLAN WHICH IS NOW PROVIDING
23 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR OVER 20,000 MEMBERS IN THE COUNTY OF
24 LOS ANGELES AND THAT'S A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT RIGHT THERE.
25 SHE'S A GRADUATE OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY, A REGISTERED NURSE,



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1 CONTINUES TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY PUBLIC AGENCIES
2 AND ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING OUR CALIFORNIA SENIOR
3 LEGISLATURE, THE PASADENA HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION AND THE
4 WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON AGING. SHE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS
5 HONORS OF HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL RESIDENT
6 ADVOCACY AWARD FROM THE RETIREMENT HOUSING FOUNDATION, AND THE
7 11TH ANNUAL ACCESS AWARD, WHICH I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO
8 HER. SHE'S EVEN HOSTED HER OWN TELEVISION PROGRAM, IT'S CALLED
9 "SENIOR'S PERCEPTION, MAKING A DIFFERENCE". SO, MAGGIE, ON
10 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION TO
11 ADD TO YOUR LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OUR COUNTY AND THANK
12 YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE AND WHETHER WE HAVE A COMMUNITY
13 EVENT IN THE FAR REACHES OF OUR COUNTY, MAGGIE IS THERE
14 REPRESENTING HER ORGANIZATION AND WE APPRECIATE THAT AND,
15 WHENEVER SHE HAS A COMPLAINT, SHE'S IN THE OFFICE, IN OUR
16 OFFICE TALKING AND RESOLVING THOSE ISSUES. SO, MAGGIE, THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU AND WE WISH YOU A MERRY
18 CHRISTMAS. I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS TO SAY A FEW
19 WORDS AS WELL. FIRST WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW DO YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?
22 WE'RE GOING TO ASK JIM AND OTHERS TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

23

24 **MAGGIE BELTON:** I WANT TO TAKE THIS DAY TO THANK ALL OF THE
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR PRIMARY SUPPORT



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1 OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY WHEN WE ARE FORMED AND I KNOW THAT YOU
2 WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO ANOTHER ERA. I
3 HAVE SURROUNDED MYSELF WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 STAFF WHO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. I RECEIVE THIS COMMENDATION
5 TODAY NOT BECAUSE I WAS SO GREAT BUT BECAUSE I AM SURROUNDED
6 BY PEOPLE WHO REALLY CARE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR
7 CONSTITUENTS AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT. ALL OF YOU
8 KNOW THAT I HAVE RUN THROUGH YOUR OFFICES MORE THAN ONCE. IN
9 FACT, THE GUARD NO LONGER EVEN CHALLENGES ME WITH THE DOOR
10 UPSTAIRS. HE JUST FIGURES OUT THAT'S THE LITTLE OLD LADY ON
11 SCOOTER, LET HER GO. SHE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE THE "B" WORD
12 WITH HER, OKAY, AND SO I AM PRETTY SAFE. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO
13 THE COUNTY, MR. C.A.O., TO THE COUNTY OF L.A. FOR THIS HONOR
14 AND I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO MY SUPERVISOR FOR ALL OF THE
15 THINGS HE'S DONE TO ASSIST ME TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS
16 AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
17 AGAIN AS MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, AND I KNOW, HELLO OUT THERE, I
18 KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST P.A.S.C., EVEN THOUGH I AM
19 NOT AS VISIBLE AS I USED TO BE. WHO GETS TO TALK NEXT? [
20 LAUGHTER]

21

22 **JIM ADLER:** MAGGIE, I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU BEING INVISIBLE, BUT I
23 DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS WELL DESERVED AWARD AND
24 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND WITH THE BOARD AND WITH



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1 THE REST OF THE STAFF IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE
2 P.A.S.C. IT'S IMPORTANT WORK AND WE THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION? MAGGIE IS NOT REALLY A
5 LITTLE OLD LADY FROM PASADENA, SHE'S MORE OF A SUPER-CHARGED
6 ROCKET, AND IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO KNOW YOU, MAGGIE, AND
7 SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY, MAGGIE, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE
10 WORKING WITH YOU FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS AND WATCHING...

11

12 **MAGGIE BELTON:** I HAVEN'T GONE ANYWHERE YET.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** NO, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE YET. YOU'RE
15 GOING TO BE THERE LONG AFTER I'M GONE BUT YOUR EFFORTS AND
16 YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS ARE REALLY APPRECIATED BY THE ENTIRE
17 COMMUNITY AND WE THANK YOU.

18

19 **REBECCA DOUGLAS:** MAGGIE, WORDS CANNOT REALLY EXPRESS MY
20 GRATITUDE TOWARDS YOU FOR HAVING HIRED ME TO WORK FOR P.A.S.C.
21 AND TO WORK FOR A CAUSE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, WHICH IS
22 TO HELP SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO REMAIN IN
23 THEIR HOME SAFELY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY
24 AND, I DON'T KNOW, I KNOW I WILL NEVER MEET SOMEONE LIKE YOU
25 NOWHERE-- IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEREVER I GO, I WON'T MEET



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1 SOMEONE LIKE YOU, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING
2 ME THAT OPPORTUNITY AND THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING
3 SOMEONE WHO REALLY TRULY DESERVES THIS RECOGNITION

4

5 **MAGGIE BELTON:** THANK YOU. THEY GAVE IT TO ME BEFORE I DIED. [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MERRY CHRISTMAS, MAGGIE.

9

10 **MAGGIE BELTON:** MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THIS IS LITTLE NICK. HE'S
13 ONLY SIX WEEKS OLD. A LITTLE TERRIER MIX LOOKING FOR A HOME
14 FOR CHRISTMAS OR HANUKKAH. (KISSES)

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH. AW. THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING AT
17 HOME CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR
18 SCREEN, (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE AND LITTLE
19 NICK WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS STOCKING GIFT OR A HANUKKAH
20 GIFT, BECAUSE CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH BOTH BEGIN ON DECEMBER
21 25TH THIS YEAR AND OUR ORTHODOX BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY
22 WILL HAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS ON JANUARY 6TH. SO NICK WOULD STILL
23 BE COMFORTABLE IN THAT STOCKING ON JANUARY 6TH AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MICHAEL? MIGUEL'S GOING TO TAKE IT. HE'S GOT TO
2 GO ASK. WHAT'S HIS NAME?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICK.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU, IT'S YOU, MIGUEL, IT'S YOU.

7

8 **MIGUEL:** OH REALLY? (CHUCKLING).

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET US BEGIN WITH THE FIRST DISTRICT.
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE BEGIN WITH ITEM 31 AND 37, IF WE
14 COULD PULL THOSE TOGETHER.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO DO ITEMS 31 AND 37 AND
17 WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. DO YOU WANT THEM TO SPEAK
18 FIRST?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, WHY DON'T WE HAVE THEM SPEAK FIRST.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP LUPE FIGUEROA, DR.
23 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND JENNY YANG AND JENNY YANG HAS SIGNED
24 UP TO SPEAK ON BOTH BUT YOU'LL COMBINE. OKAY. SO LUPE, JENNY



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1 AND DR. CLAVREUL. AND JUST, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, GIVE YOUR NAME
2 FOR THE RECORD.

3

4 **JENNY YANG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JENNY YANG AND I'M
5 RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
6 UNION, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660. LOCAL 660 REPRESENTS ABOUT 50,000
7 WORKERS, A MAJORITY OF WHOM WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES, INCLUDING NURSES AND NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES
9 PERSONNEL THAT PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS OUTSOURCE WORK.
10 LOCAL 660 IS AGAINST ITEM 31. THIS ITEM EXTENDS 31, TEMPORARY
11 NURSING PERSONNEL SERVICES CONTRACTS, FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO
12 YEARS BEYOND THEIR ORIGINAL 2 AND 5-YEAR TERMS AT OVER \$53
13 MILLION A YEAR NET COUNTY COST. BY ALL MEANS, LOCAL 660
14 RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE STAFFING FOR OUR COUNTY
15 BUT, AS YOU KNOW, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LOCAL 660 OBJECTS TO
16 OUTSOURCING OF COUNTY SERVICES BECAUSE SERVICES ARE MORE
17 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC WHEN PERFORMED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES
18 IN-HOUSE. WE'VE MET WITH D.H.S. ON THIS ISSUE AND FIND THEIR
19 JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THESE AGREEMENTS INAPPROPRIATE AND
20 DOWNRIGHT DECEPTIVE. AND TO BE QUITE FRANK, WE ARE SICK AND
21 TIRED OF D.H.S.' INABILITY TO FOLLOW YOUR OWN BOARD POLICY TO
22 LOWER THEIR USE OF TEMPORARY CONTRACT WORKERS, THEIR ABUSE OF
23 THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO USE TEMPORARY WORKERS AND THEIR REFUSAL
24 TO FOLLOW BETTER BUSINESS PRACTICES TO ENSURE THE BEST VALUE
25 FOR USING TAXPAYER DOLLARS. SO WHY ARE WE OPPOSED TO THIS



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1 ITEM? NUMBER 1, D.H.S. DOES NOT RESPECT BOARD POLICY OF
2 REDUCING RELIANCE ON CONTRACT WORKERS. INSTEAD, THEY
3 DELIBERATELY CONTINUE TO ASK FOR BLOATED AND UNACCOUNTABLE
4 CONTRACTS RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING COMPETITIVE
5 COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR RETAINING AND RECRUITING SKILLED
6 NURSES. HERE'S A NUMBER. 46,988. 46,988 IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
7 POTENTIAL CONTRACT WORKERS THAT COULD BE HIRED IN ONE SINGLE
8 WEEK UNDER ALL 31 OF THESE AGREEMENTS. AT 53.1 MILLION DOLLARS
9 A YEAR, AN ENTIRE 31 AGREEMENTS ARE SIMPLY ROLLED OVER WITHOUT
10 REAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN VERIFYING THE OTHER NON-CONTRACTING OUT
11 STRATEGIES THAT COULD HELP TO FULLY STAFF OUR HEALTHCARE
12 SYSTEM. SO, YOU KNOW, LET'S GET REAL HERE. THE TEMPS ARE NOT
13 REALLY USED AS TEMPS, RIGHT? THEY ARE SO MISMANAGED THAT WE
14 END UP POLICING THESE CONTRACTS OURSELVES AS A UNION. WE HAVE
15 SUCCESSFULLY SUED D.H.S. TWICE ON THIS VERY ISSUE OF ABUSING
16 THEIR AUTHORITY TO HIRE TEMPORARY WORKERS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS
17 A DELIBERATE ACTION BY D.H.S. TO AVOID THE PROPOSITION "A"
18 GOVERNING AUTHORITY THAT REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE COST-
19 EFFECTIVE CONTRACTS. THEY USE TEMPORARY WORKERS AS FULL-TIME
20 EMPLOYEES RATHER THAN PROVIDING FAIR SALARIES TO RECRUIT AND
21 RETAIN QUALIFIED COUNTY WORKERS. SO, IN FACT, D.H.S. IS STILL
22 DRAGGING ITS FEET IN IMPLEMENTING A NEW SALARY STEP SYSTEM SO
23 THAT WE COULD BE COMPETITIVE IN RETAINING AND RECRUITING
24 NURSES. THIS SYSTEM WAS NEGOTIATED TO BE SETTLED TWO MONTHS
25 AGO AND WE ARE FAR PAST THE DEADLINE AND D.H.S. NEEDS TO GET



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1 THEIR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. THE OTHER REASON, D.H.S. ACTIONS
2 AND WORDS REVEAL THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO REDUCE RELIANCE ON
3 REALLY AN ADDITION TO THE USE OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL WORKERS.
4 JUST ONE RECENT INDICATION THAT D.H.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO
5 REDUCE THEIR ADDITION TO OUTSOURCED CONTRACT WORKERS IS THE
6 RECENTLY APPROVED CONTRACT WITH BROAD LANE TO PROVIDE
7 TEMPORARY CLINICAL STAFF, CONTRACTING AND VENDOR MANAGEMENT
8 SERVICES FOR THREE YEARS. THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD THREE
9 WEEKS AGO, NOVEMBER 29TH. SO THE POINT IS, IS THIS THIRD PARTY
10 CONTRACTOR IS BEEN HIRED TO MANAGE THE VERY MONSTER THAT
11 D.H.S. MANAGEMENT CREATED AND SO THIS IS WHAT WE URGE YOU TO
12 DO. AMEND THIS AGENDA ITEM. WE PROPOSE THAT THE BOARD ASK FOR
13 THE CONTRACT TO BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS
14 WHERE D.H.S. IS REQUIRED TO COME TO THE BOARD AT THE END OF
15 EACH QUARTER TO REPORT ON HOW THEY HAVE REDUCED UTILIZATION OF
16 TEMPORARY CONTRACT NURSES AND REPORT ON THE PROGRESS THEY'VE
17 MADE TO ACTUALLY RETAIN RECRUIT NURSES INTO THE COUNTY FULL-
18 TIME. AND THIS CERTAINLY INCLUDES A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF
19 IMPLEMENTING THE ALREADY NEGOTIATED NEW SALARY STEP SYSTEM.
20 NUMBER 2: 660 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS THAT THIS ONE-YEAR
21 EXTENSION BE GRANTED ON THE CONDITION THAT D.H.S. WILL BEGIN A
22 NEW RFP PROCESS UNDER PROPOSITION A, FORCING THEM TO BE MORE
23 COST EFFECTIVE; AND, FINALLY, THERE SHOULD NOT BE A THIRD
24 PARTY PRIVATE CONTRACTOR USED BY THE COUNTY TO MANAGE THE
25 MONSTER THAT IT CREATED. INSTEAD, REDUCE THE NUMBER OF



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1 REGISTRY CONTRACTS. D.H.S. INFORMED US THAT, THOUGH THE
2 CONTRACT WITH BROAD LANE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD, IT
3 HAS NOT BEEN SIGNED AND WE STRONGLY AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND
4 THAT THE BOARD RECONSIDER ITS APPROVAL OF THIS BROAD LANE
5 CONTRACT. THANK YOU AND I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.
6 AFTER LUPE FIGUEROA.

7

8 **LUPE FIGUEROA:** GOOD MORNING, THANKS FOR JOINING US. MY NAME IS
9 LUPE FIGUEROA. I'VE A REGISTERED NURSE. I'M A CASE MANGER
10 WORKING FOR CITY OF EL MONTE. I RESIDE IN THE CITY OF PICO
11 RIVERA. I'VE BEEN A COUNTY REGISTERED NURSE FOR THE LAST 30
12 YEARS. THE AMENDMENT AND AGREEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE ARE
13 RIDICULOUS. SPENDING OVER \$50 MILLION ON TEMPORARY WORKERS AND
14 CONTRACT WORKERS AND TRAVELERS, IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. THE ANSWER IS
15 IN YOUR HANDS. WITH THE CONTRACT OF BROAD LANE, WHICH IS
16 ANOTHER CONTRACT TO MONITOR THE CONTRACTS, WILL NOT RELIEVE
17 OUR RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
18 REGISTERED NURSE THAT COMES IN OR EVERY NURSE THAT COMES IN TO
19 WORK INTO OUR FACILITIES, WE STILL HAVE TO MONITOR, WE STILL
20 HAVE TO ASSURE THAT THEY HAVE A CURRENT R.N. LICENSE, WE HAVE
21 TO ASSURE THAT THEY HAVE THEIR PHYSICAL, THEIR SKILLS VERIFIED
22 AND THE ORIENTATION. THIS IS A WASTE OF COUNTY MONEY. YOU ARE
23 CREATING A BIGGER DEFICIT BY HIRING ANOTHER CONTRACT TO
24 MONITOR THE CONTRACTS. EVEN IF YOU HIRE THIS CONTRACT OF BROAD
25 LANE, YOU WILL NOT RELIEVE US OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE



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1 HAVE TO OUR PATIENTS AND THE LOSSES THAT MAY END UP FOR NOT
2 MONITORING OUR OWN CONTRACTS. THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT YOU
3 SPEND ON TRAVELERS AND REGISTERS-- AND REGISTRY CAN BE SPENT
4 ON NURSES THAT ARE DEDICATED TO OUR COUNTY SYSTEMS LIKE THE
5 ONE YOU HONOR THIS MORNING. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ADDRESS OUR
6 RETENTION PROBLEM. THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE ONGOINGLY
7 BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION FOR THE LAST SIX CONTRACTS. I AM A
8 NURSE FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. A NURSE THAT YOU HIRE AT THIS
9 POINT IN TIME OFF THE STREET MAKES THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY
10 THAT I MAKE AFTER 30-- MORE THAN 30 YEARS IN THE COUNTY. THIS
11 IS LUDICROUS. IF YOU ADDRESS YOUR RETENTION PROBLEM, YOU WOULD
12 BE ALLOWED TO KEEP THE NURSES. THE REASON WHY I STAY IS
13 BECAUSE I CARE FOR MY PATIENTS, I CARE FOR MY COMMUNITIES AND
14 I CARE FOR MY COLLEAGUES. HOW CAN I BRING A NEW NURSE, HOW CAN
15 I CONVINC ONE OF MY RELATIVES TO COME AND WORK FOR OUR COUNTY
16 WHEN WE HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER? THEY ARE BEING HIRED ON A
17 FOURTH AND FIFTH STEP, WHICH IS WHAT I MAKE AT THIS POINT IN
18 TIME AFTER 32 YEARS IN THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOOK
19 FORWARD TO. HOW CAN WE RECRUIT? YES, WE RECRUIT, WE DON'T HAVE
20 PROBLEM IN RECRUITING BECAUSE, AT THE ENTRY LEVEL, THERE MAY
21 BE COMPARABLE TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOOK
22 FORWARD TO, SO THEREFORE OUR NURSES LEAVE. SO, LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, PLEASE ADDRESS OUR CONTRACT FOR THE RETENTION
24 ISSUE. THIS IS THE ANSWER. DO NOT CREATE A BIGGER DEFICIT IN
25 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUDGET. YOU ARE THE ONES THAT ARE



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1 CREATING THIS DEFICIT AND MAKE IT ONGOING. ALL THIS CONTRACTS
2 THAT WE HAVE, MAKING LESS CONTRACTS AND NOT MORE WILL SAVE YOU
3 MONEY, AND, AS YOU SEE, I STAY IN THE COUNTY, ALLOWED THE
4 NURSES TO HAVE THE CHOICE TO STAY. DON'T LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN
5 FOR THEM TO CONTINUE LEAVING. NOW, LAST YEAR, THEY HIRE OVER
6 FOUR, 500 NURSES. MORE THAN THAT LEFT, SO THAT TELLS YOU THAT
7 THEY HAVE NO REASON TO STAY. PLEASE HELP ME KEEP OUR NURSES IN
8 THE COUNTY SYSTEM. ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A VISION TO STAY. PLEASE
9 ADDRESS THE CONTRACT ISSUE ON THE RETENTION AND ALLOW YOU TO
10 FIX THE DEFICIT THAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **JENNY YANG:** ARE WE SPEAKING ON 37 AS WELL? THIS IS BOTH 31 AND
14 37?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

17

18 **JENNY YANG:** OKAY. WELL, I GUESS, JUST BRIEFLY, ON ITEM 37,
19 LOCAL 660 IS, YOU KNOW, RECOGNIZES-- WE ENCOURAGE THE ADDITION
20 OF THE PHARMACY MANAGER TO THE TEMPORARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL
21 SERVICES AGREEMENT BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROVIDE
22 ALL THE SUPPORT THAT KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER NEEDS TO SURVIVE
23 AND, YOU KNOW, THRIVE FOR THE SAKE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BUT
24 WE BELIEVE THAT THE SORT OF SO-CALLED CRISIS OF LACK OF
25 PHLEBOTOMISTS THAT D.H.S. MANAGEMENT SAYS IS GOING TO HAPPEN



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1 IS REALLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
2 RECONSIDER THIS AMENDMENT ON THE PHLEBOTOMISTS AND TO REJECT
3 THE OUTSOURCING PHLEBOTOMISTS. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THIS ITEM
4 WAS FAST-TRACKED AND, YOU KNOW, WE MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED
5 BEFORE, IT ACTUALLY VIOLATES A STIPULATED AGREEMENT, LEGAL
6 AGREEMENT THAT WE'VE HAD WITH D.H.S. IN, YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE
7 THAT THE UNION IS NOTIFIED PRIOR TO ANY NEW, RE-BID OR
8 CONTINUING AMENDMENT ON A CONTRACT. WE MANAGED TO INCLUDE THIS
9 ITEM ON AGENDA PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED WITH LABOR MANAGEMENT AND
10 WE FOUND THEIR JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
11 PHLEBOTOMISTS UNREASONABLE AS WELL. ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS AT \$1.2
12 MILLION A YEAR IS JUST TOO LONG AND TOO MUCH MONEY FOR A
13 POTENTIAL STAFFING PROBLEM THAT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF WITHOUT
14 TEMPORARY CONTRACT WORKERS. D.H.S. CITES THAT THE CATALYST OF
15 THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT ALL THE COUNTY PHLEBOTOMISTS MIGHT NOT
16 BE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED IN TIME TO MEET THE STATE REGULATIONS
17 BY APRIL OF 2006. AND D.H.S. MANAGEMENT ALSO CLAIMED THAT, IN
18 THE MEETING, THAT THEY FEAR THAT, BECAUSE OF THE REQUIREMENT,
19 THE PRIVATE CENTER MIGHT SEE A LACK OF PHLEBOTOMISTS AND
20 RECRUIT OUR OWN CERTIFIED COUNTY WORKERS, LEADING TO AN EVEN
21 GREATER SHORTAGE. WE FIND THIS RATIONALE UNACCEPTABLE AND
22 ERRONEOUS AND IT'S REALLY JUST PLAIN LAZY MANAGEMENT. THEY
23 SAID THAT THIS WAS A PROACTIVE, YOU KNOW, SOLUTION TO HANDLING
24 THIS POTENTIAL SHORTAGE AND THIS RECERTIFICATION PROCESS, BUT
25 IT'S ACTUALLY RATHER SIMPLE AND THE WORKERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO



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1 CONTINUE WITH THEIR JOBS AFTER THEIR CERTIFICATION DEADLINE IF
2 THEY SHOWED A RECEIPT FOR GOING THROUGH THE TRAINING, EVEN IF
3 THE STATE NEEDS TO HAVE TIME TO PROCESS THE CERTIFICATION. SO
4 THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR RELEASING WORKERS FROM SERVICE OR
5 REDUCING THEIR RANK FOR THE CERTIFICATION. AND SO, LIKE WE
6 WERE SAYING, CONTRARY TO THE BOARD LETTER, THIS IS NOT
7 PROACTIVE. THESE REGULATIONS WERE ANNOUNCED THREE YEARS AGO
8 AND D.H.S. MANAGEMENT IS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE
9 THAT IT HAPPENS. IN FACT, OUR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
10 PROGRAM HAS BEEN PROVIDING ONGOING TRAINING FOR THE
11 PHLEBOTOMISTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. SO 660 BELIEVES THAT
12 THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS HAS BEEN USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR
13 D.H.S. TO CONTRACT COUNTY WORK AFTER MISHANDLING THEIR
14 MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT THE COUNTY
15 PHLEBOTOMISTS MEET THEIR CERTIFICATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT REWARD
16 THEIR MISMANAGEMENT ON THIS ISSUE. SO WE RESPECTFULLY URGE TO
17 YOU TO (1) SEPARATE THE TWO CLASSIFICATIONS. AS YOU SEE,
18 THERE'S A PHARMACY AND PHLEBOTOMIST BOTH BEING ADDED, SO
19 APPROVE THE PHARMACY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT FOR KING/DREW.
20 NUMBER 2, REQUEST D.H.S. AMEND THE TERM OF THE PHLEBOTOMIST
21 AGREEMENT TO JUST ONE YEAR ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS AND
22 REQUIRE THEM TO COME BACK TO YOU TO REPORT BACK EVERY QUARTER
23 ON THE REAL TIME NEED FOR PHLEBOTOMISTS SO THAT THEY DON'T
24 WASTE THEIR MONEY ON SPENDING COSTLY-- SPENDING COSTLY MONEY



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1 ON CONTRACTS FOR PHLEBOTOMISTS WHILE WE CONTINUE TO TRAIN AND
2 CERTIFY THE CURRENT PHLEBOTOMISTS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CLAVREUL.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE
7 CLAVREUL. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THOSE SIDE CONVERSATIONS WILL
8 STOP AND YOU SHOULD RESPECT WHEN THE PUBLIC IS SPEAKING. IF
9 YOU WANT TO HAVE MEETING, YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE AND HAVE THOSE
10 PRIVATE MEETINGS. ANYWAY, ON ITEM 31, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, ON
11 THIS ITEM, TO HAVE 31 REGISTRIES IS ABSURD. YOU ARE ONE OF THE
12 LARGEST COUNTIES IN UNITED STATES. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO
13 NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS WITH ONLY TWO OR THREE AGENCIES TO GET
14 YOUR PROVIDING SERVICES. KNOWING THE HEALTHCARE THE WAY I
15 KNOW, BECAUSE I AM AN EXPERT IN THAT FIELD, I AM CONVINCED
16 THAT YOU HAVE 31 REGISTRIES BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS GETTING THEIR
17 COOKIES, ESPECIALLY THE DIRECTOR OF NURSES, ALL THE PEOPLE IN
18 CHARGE OF STAFFING. EACH REGISTRY GIVES BONUSES TO NURSING
19 SERVICES. IN A WAY TO REALLY CUT THE NUMBER OF REGISTRIES
20 WORKING FOR YOU IS TO PROHIBIT ANY GIFT FROM THOSE REGISTRIES
21 TO THE NURSING SERVICE AND STAFFING. THE PRICE YOU ARE PAYING
22 IS ABSURD AND EVEN NOW, EVEN THOUGH THE CONTRACT IS NOT EVEN
23 RENEWED, THE TRAVELER AGENCY IS ALREADY ADVERTISING THAT THE
24 KING/DREW CONTRACT HASN'T BEEN EXTENDED AT THE COST OF-- WELL,
25 IF YOU WORK A FEW WEEKS AT KING/DREW, YOU GET \$1,750 BONUS IN



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1 ADDITION OF EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU HAVE, EACH WEEK, A GUARANTEE
2 OF 2,240 DOLLARS, YOU HAVE 8-WEEK GUARANTEE FOR 7,920 AND IT
3 GOES ON AND ON. IT'S ABSURD. AND ALSO TO USE AN AGENCY, WHICH
4 IS PROBABLY ONE OF YOUR LARGEST PROVIDERS ESPECIALLY AT
5 KING/DREW FROM OUT OF STATE, WHEN WE HAVE MULTIPLE AGENCIES,
6 NOT ONLY IN OUR STATE BUT IN OUR COUNTY. WHY ARE WE WASTING
7 OUR MONEY FROM OUT OF STATE IS ABSURD. THE QUESTION OF QUALITY
8 OF CARE IS A HUGE ISSUE AND, EVEN SO, MEN OF THE REGISTRIES
9 CERTIFY THE QUALIFICATION OF A NURSE IS NOT PROOF AND THE
10 SPECIFIC NURSING SERVICE HAS TO RE-APPROVE THOSE NURSES'
11 CREDENTIALS. I TOTALLY WOULD SUPPORT A NON-RE-APPROVAL. AND
12 IT'S OBVIOUS, LIKE I SAID, PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT
13 IT HAS BEEN APPROVED AND THAT'S APPALLING. THAT'S APPALLING
14 WHEN IT'S COMING TO THE BOARD TODAY FOR APPROVAL, THAT IT IS
15 ALREADY ADVERTISED AS ACCEPTED. AND I'M GETTING TIRED OF THIS
16 CONTRACT WHERE, YOU KNOW, BLANKETS, THE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT
17 AND SO ON AND THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT HAS TO STOP. AND, BY THE
18 WAY, ALL OF THAT IS DUE TO THE INEFFICIENCY AND THE LACK OF
19 QUALITY MANAGEMENT WE HAVE HAD IN HEALTHCARE FROM THE
20 BEGINNING. AND, YOU KNOW, I WAS SO GLAD THAT DR. GARTHWAITE IS
21 GONE AND I HOPE HE GOES BEFORE JANUARY BEFORE HE DO ANY MORE
22 DAMAGE, BECAUSE I'M SEEING A LOT OF THINGS COMING UP RIGHT NOW
23 FOR APPROVAL. WE DO NOT-- WELL, THE LAST MINUTE TO DO-- SO HE
24 LEAVE HIS MARK HERE. FOR THE RECORD, I WOULD LIKE MY OPINION



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1 TO THE PASADENA STAR-NEWS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TO AGREE WITH SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT
7 HAVE MADE HERE. WE HAVE BECOME VERY ADDICTED TO MANY OF OUR
8 NURSE REGISTRIES, AND I THINK IT'S BEING OVER UTILIZED AND THE
9 NUMBERS ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY AND IT ISN'T
10 COST EFFECTIVE AT ALL AND IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T PROVIDE FOR THE
11 KIND OF CONTINUITY OF CARE, LET ALONE A COMMITMENT TO OUR
12 EMPLOYEES. BUT I'M ALSO RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT WE HAVE, AT
13 THIS POINT, NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE THIS KIND OF CONTRACTING
14 AND HOPEFULLY START ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF MORE COMPREHENSIVE
15 APPROACH AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO USE THESE REGISTRIES IN THE
16 FUTURE, WHO THEY ARE, HOW WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE IT, THE
17 QUALITY OF THE STAFF THAT WE'RE GETTING BECAUSE MANY OF THE
18 NURSES...

19

20 **LUPE FIGUEROA:** SUPERVISOR...

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME.

23

24 **LUPE FIGUEROA:** I'M TELLING THEM THAT YOU'RE SPEAKING AND TO
25 HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR YOU SO THAT THEY WILL QUIET DOWN.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH. WELL, THEY DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO ME.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ANYWAY, THE ISSUE IS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A MORE
7 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THESE
8 ISSUES ON ALL DIFFERENT LEVELS, WHETHER IT BE RETENTION,
9 WHETHER IT BE RECRUITMENT BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, EVEN ON HOW
10 WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THIS SYSTEM OF NURSE REGISTRIES.
11 I AM CONCERNED. I FOUND OUT THAT YOU CAN HAVE A NURSE COME IN
12 ONE DAY AND, IF SHE DOESN'T PERFORM WELL, SHE IS NOT RE-
13 INVITED TO COME BACK TO THAT HOSPITAL BUT SHE COULD SIGN UP
14 AND BE SENT TO ANOTHER ONE OF OUR OTHER HOSPITALS, WHICH IS
15 REALLY A SHAME. SO THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY IN THIS CONTRACT
16 WHATSOEVER. SO WE NEED TO START CHANGING IT. THE ONLY RAY OF
17 HOPE THAT WE HAVE IS THAT WE NOW HAVE A NURSING DIRECTOR THAT
18 IS GOING TO BE JOINING US, SO I WANT TO EMPOWER HER TO HELP US
19 MAKE EFFECTIVE DECISIONS. SO I HAVE A MOTION ON BOTH OF THESE
20 ITEMS THAT I'D LIKE TO READ IN AND IT'S CO-AUTHORED BY
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS
22 AT A CRITICAL TURNING POINT WITH THE DEPARTURE OF ITS DIRECTOR
23 AND ONGOING BUDGET DEFICIT, POTENTIAL SEPARATION OF PUBLIC
24 HEALTH AND THE CHALLENGE OF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE
25 SERVICES WITH A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE. A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT



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1 OF WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT IS CARRIED OUT THROUGH HIGHLY
2 SKILLED PERSONNEL, MANY OF WHOM ARE RECRUITED AND LATER
3 RETAINED BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS. WHILE THERE MAY BE A NEED
4 TO USE SUCH TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES IN THE FUTURE, THE
5 COUNTY MUST LOOK TO A LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO
6 RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE REGION'S MOST HIGHLY SKILLED AND
7 TRAINED WORKFORCE TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO OUR
8 COMMUNITY. TODAY'S ITEM ON THE EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY NURSE
9 REGISTRY AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS THE TEMPORARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL
10 SERVICES AGREEMENT PROFOUNDLY IMPACT THE WAY IN WHICH OUR
11 COUNTY PROVIDES HEALTHCARE SERVICES. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 MUST KEEP AS ITS GOAL THE SUSTAINED PROVISION OF COUNTY
13 SPONSORED HIGH QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL,
14 WE MUST FOCUS IN FOUR KEY AREAS: IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
15 SERVICES, IMPROVE LONG-TERM FINANCING OPTIONS AND THE
16 PROVISIONS OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, IMPROVE SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE
17 HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND IMPROVE PHYSICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE
18 CAPACITY TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SERVICES. SO I THEREFORE MOVE
19 THAT WE INSTRUCT THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
20 DIRECTOR OF NURSING AFFAIRS TO COORDINATE A RECRUITMENT EFFORT
21 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE C.A.O. AND
22 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE
23 APPROACH TO STREAMLINE NURSING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
24 ISSUES. THE REPORT SHOULD DETAIL HOW THE COUNTY'S EXISTING
25 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SYSTEM IS WORKING AND THE



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO CHANGE, EXPAND OR ELIMINATE ELEMENTS
2 IN THIS PROCESS, BASED ON THE DIRECTOR'S ANALYSIS. KEY AREAS
3 SHOULD BE THAT WE ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM PLAN TO ELIMINATE
4 D.H.S.' RELIANCE AND UTILIZATION OF OUR NURSE REGISTRY AND
5 OTHER TEMPORARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL REGISTRY CONTRACT WORKERS,
6 THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES AND THE USE
7 OF NURSE REGISTRIES AND OTHER TEMPORARY MEDICAL SERVICES UNTIL
8 A LONG-TERM PLAN IS ACCEPTED TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S
9 RELIANCE ON SUCH CONTRACT WORKERS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS
10 REGARDING THE EXPLORATION OF D.H.S.' DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
11 TO EXPEDITE CRITICAL CLINICAL MID- LEVEL NURSES, MID-LEVEL
12 MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS, AS WELL AS
13 RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPLEMENTING A FULL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
14 WITHOUT DECREASING COUNTY LENGTH OF STAY COMMITMENT AND TO
15 RETURN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF
16 REIMBURSEMENT. WE SHOULD ALSO INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT TO
17 COORDINATE WITH HUMAN RESOURCES TO REVIEW AND UPDATE EXISTING
18 NURSING RECRUITMENT TOOLS SUCH AS ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONAL
19 MATERIALS AND ALL OF THE OTHER MARKETING INFORMATION THAT
20 NEEDS TO BE OUT IN THE COUNTY AND THEN THAT WE DIRECT THE
21 C.A.O. TO WORK WITH S.E.I.U. TO EXPLORE NEW FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
22 OPTIONS FOR EXISTING NURSES AND TO PILOT THE SCHEDULING AT
23 INTERESTED COUNTY HOSPITAL SITES, AS WE'VE NOTICED THAT TO BE
24 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS AS WELL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD TO IT THAT I
25 THINK THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET THE DEPARTMENT TO REALLY



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1 PAY ATTENTION TO IT IS THAT WE AMEND THESE CONTRACTS TO ONLY
2 BE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT AND, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT GOING TO GO AS
3 FAR AS A MONTH-TO-MONTH AT THIS POINT IN TIME BUT I DO THINK
4 IT CAN ONLY BE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT. THAT WAY, WE'RE GOING TO
5 HAVE THE DEPARTMENT FOCUSING ON CARRYING THIS WORK OUT. WE
6 SEEM TO GIVE IT LIP SERVICE EVERY SINGLE YEAR AND SO,
7 CONSEQUENTLY, IF WE COULD DO THAT, I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
8 IN TRYING TO GET A RESPONSE. I KNOW OUR NURSE MANAGER IS BRAND
9 NEW BUT I REALLY THINK THE EXPECTATIONS ARE QUITE HIGH.
10 HOPEFULLY, HER ANALYSIS AND HER ASSESSMENTS OF THE NUMBERS CAN
11 BE DONE QUICKLY AND BROUGHT BACK TO US AND LOOK AT WAYS THAT
12 WE CAN STREAMLINE OUR RECRUITMENT EFFORT AND TALK DIRECTLY AND
13 HONESTLY ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE AT
14 UTILIZING EVERY EFFORT WE CAN IN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND
15 CREATING OTHER INCENTIVES TO GET NURSES ON OUR JOBS. SO, WITH
16 THAT, I'D LIKE TO AMEND THAT MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE THAT MOTION AND A SECOND. LET
19 ME ASK THE C.A.O. OR THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, BASED ON THIS 53
20 MILLION DOLLARS THAT'S BEING PROPOSED ON REGISTRIES, WHAT IS
21 THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE GOING FOR THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
22 SCHOLARSHIPS TO NURSING STUDENTS THAT THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING
23 IN RETURN FOR THEIR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY? DR.
24 CHERNOFF?

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** MAYOR, WE HAVE SET ASIDE \$350,000 AS PART
2 OF AN OVERALL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES
3 THE SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AND DOES THAT FACTOR IN IF WE
6 HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH TO OUR HIGH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGES?

8

9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOFF:** SUPERVISOR-- I MEAN, MAYOR, I BELIEVE IT
10 DOES, BUT I THINK, AS WE LOOK TO OUR NEW NURSING LEADERSHIP TO
11 COME UP WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BEFORE YOU, WHICH THE
12 DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS, I THINK WE CAN CERTAINLY REVISIT THAT
13 NUMBER TO MAKE SURE IT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. BECAUSE THAT WOULD GIVE US FULL-
16 TIME COUNTY NURSES WITH THE COUNTY HELPING THOSE STUDENTS
17 OBTAIN THEIR R.N. DEGREE AND THEN HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO
18 WORK WITH THE COUNTY IN A NURSING POSITION. YES, MA'AM?

19

20 **JENNY YANG:** IF I MAY, YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE
21 MOTION AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK ONE YEAR IS DEFINITELY
22 REASONABLE, A REASONABLE TIME TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT THE LONG-
23 TERM, YOU KNOW, GAME PLAN WILL BE TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE. I DO
24 WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT, YOU KNOW, IT IS OUR POSITION, YOU
25 KNOW, LUPE HERE IS ON THE BARGAINING TEAM. AS A NURSE, WHAT



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1 I'VE BEEN HEARING, NOT ME AS A NURSE BUT HEARING FROM THE
2 NURSES, WHAT WE HEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THE ISSUE IS
3 RETENTION, AND ANY GLOSSY PUBLICATIONS OR MATERIALS THAT YOU
4 SEND OUT WILL NOT HIDE THE FACT OF THE TRUTH MARKETING ROUTES
5 ARE WORDS OF MOUTH AMONG THE NURSES. I MEAN, THEY ALWAYS SEE
6 EACH OTHER AND THEY SAY, "YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT SO GOOD TO WORK
7 HERE, IT'S BETTER TO WORK HERE," AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN
8 PUSHING TO HAVE THIS NEW STEP SALARY PLACEMENT SYSTEM THAT WAS
9 SUPPOSED TO BE NEGOTIATED AND FINALIZED TWO MONTHS AGO. D.H.S.
10 HAS BEEN DRAGGING ITS FEET, SO WE WOULD URGE YOUR BOARD
11 OFFICES TO REALLY MAKE THAT CLEAR, YOU KNOW, DR. CHERNOF, TO
12 JUST MAKE THE PRIORITIES STRAIGHT, IF WE SETTLE THIS SALARY
13 STEP NEGOTIATION AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY
14 TWO MONTHS AGO, WE REALLY BELIEVE IT'S A REALLY GREAT START TO
15 ENSURING WE HAVE A FULLY STAFFED NURSING PERSONNEL.

16

17 **LUPE FIGUEROA:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, PLEASE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN KNABE,
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK
23 AT PRIVATE SECTOR AND WHAT PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN AND OFFERED
24 IN SOME OF THESE HOSPITALS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT KAISER
25 HOSPITAL IS MAKING OFFERS THAT ARE VERY, VERY LUCRATIVE TO OUR



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1 STAFF. WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT THAT, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT
2 WE CAN MATCH IT BUT WE CERTAINLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE
3 COMPETITIVE. AND, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK, I AGREE WITH THIS
4 MOTION, WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME CONSTANT REPORTING BACK AND
5 BRINGING UP TO DATE, FIRST OF ALL, AS I UNDERSTAND, THE-- NOT
6 ONLY THE SALARY BUT ALSO HOW WE DESCRIBE VARIOUS POSITIONS SO
7 THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THOSE POSITIONS BY HUMAN RESOURCES IS
8 COMPARABLE TO THE PRIVATE POSITIONS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A REAL
9 VALID EVALUATION OF WHAT WE'RE PAYING AND TO FIND OUT WHY WE
10 CAN'T KEEP SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAVING AND ALSO, AS
11 FAR AS THE REGISTRY NURSES, SOME OF THEM GO ON FOR YEARS AS
12 REGISTRY NURSES RATHER THAN-- IT'S NOT A TEMPORARY ANYMORE,
13 IT'S JUST A METHOD OF GETTING MORE MONEY. SO I DEFINITELY
14 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND I BELIEVE THERE HAS TO BE A REPORT
15 BACK BY H.R., PARTICULARLY, IN TERMS OF DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF
16 THESE POSITIONS AT OTHER POSITIONS IN OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SO
17 THAT WE CAN ATTRACT PEOPLE AND THAT WE ARE REALISTIC IN TERMS
18 OF THE WAY THAT WE DESCRIBE THE POSITION SO THAT WE CAN GIVE
19 THEM THE KIND OF SALARY THAT WOULD BE COMPETITIVE. SO I
20 DEFINITELY AGREE WITH THE MOTION AND I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A
21 REPORT BACK BY H.R., BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ON WHAT THEY'RE
22 DOING AND HOW SUCCESSFUL WE'RE BEING IN TERMS OF COMPARABILITY
23 AND, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE WAY THAT WE DEFINE POSITIONS
24 OFTEN IS SO DIFFERENT, A PERSON WOULD BE GETTING MUCH MORE PAY
25 BUT, BECAUSE WE DOWNGRADE THE POSITION IN OUR DESCRIPTION BY



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1 H.R., THEN WE'RE ABLE TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO OFFER MORE AND WE
2 DON'T NECESSARILY ATTRACT THE PEOPLE. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE
3 TO LOOK AT THOSE ISSUES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I WOULD JUST ADD, I THINK ONE OF THE
8 LAST ITEMS IN THIS MOTION AND I JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION,
9 YOU'VE AMENDED THIS MOTION WHICH YOU DIDN'T HAVE JUST FOR ONE
10 YEAR? STRAIGHT YEAR? NO OPTIONS?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. I MEAN, AGAIN, THEY CAN ALWAYS
13 COME BACK TO US BUT I REALLY THINK-- I DON'T THINK IT'S A
14 PROBLEM. I THINK IF EVERYBODY HAS CONCENTRATED THAT IT'S ONLY
15 GOING TO BE A ONE YEAR EXTENSION...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR BECAUSE IT'S
18 CERTAINLY-- IT'S NOT IN YOUR MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S NOT IN THE MOTION. THAT'S WHY I OFFER IT UP
21 AS ADDITIONAL...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THE LAST TIME, THE WORK WITH S.E.I.U.,
24 OBVIOUSLY, I THINK, ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES AS WELL, TOO, IS
25 THESE FLEX SCHEDULES AND IT'S BEEN A PROBLEM AT ALL OF OUR



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1 FACILITIES IN TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THAT AND GET THAT
2 CLASSIFICATION SQUARED AWAY TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN AND THAT'S
3 ALSO AN INCENTIVE IN ADDITION TO MORE MONEY, THE ABILITY TO
4 WORK AROUND. THE OTHER IMPORTANT THING I THINK IS TO WORK WITH
5 S.E.I.U. YOU MADE A COMMENT ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REGISTRY
6 NURSES BUT AT LEAST, WITH REGISTRY NURSES, IF THEY'RE
7 INCOMPETENT, YOU CAN REMOVE THEM OR SAY THEY'RE NOT ELIGIBLE
8 FOR ANY OF OUR HOSPITALS AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES
9 S.E.I.U. IS FORCED TO SUPPORT INCOMPETENCE JUST BECAUSE OF AN
10 M.O.U. AND THEY NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE AS WELL, TOO, TO WORK
11 THROUGH THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES BECAUSE THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT
12 TO OUR FACILITIES AS WELL, TOO. THAT'S A DISINCENTIVE FOR
13 OTHER NURSES TO COME TO OUR FACILITY. SO I SUPPORT THE MOTION
14 AND I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR ON THE YEAR AND WE'LL GO FROM
15 THERE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER...

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I JUST MAKING A POINT, YOU'RE ALL
20 TALKING ABOUT MONEY AND SALARY. ALL THE RESEARCH DONE
21 EXTENSIVELY IN THE NURSING RETENTION IDENTIFIES THAT MONEY IS
22 NEVER THE ISSUE IN RETENTION. MANAGEMENT IS THE ISSUE. AND I
23 DON'T SEE ANY EMPHASIS IN THIS COUNTY IN THE QUALITY
24 MANAGEMENT YOU'RE HAVING TO RETAIN NURSES AND THAT'S THE
25 ISSUE. THE MONEY IS VERY SECONDARY.



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2 **LUPE FIGUEROA:** EXCUSE ME. I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. I
3 SPECIFICALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK MOLINA FOR HER MOTION. I
4 REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I'VE BEEN BARGAINING THE NURSING
5 CONTRACT FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS AND THE LAST 16 YEARS I'VE BEEN
6 SPENDING MY TIME ON NURSING RETENTION. LIKE I MENTIONED
7 BEFORE, RECRUITING THE NURSES IS NOT THAT BIG OF A PROBLEM BUT
8 RETAINING NURSES IS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS AND I AGREE WITH
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE, KAISER HAS BEEN TAKING A LOT OF OUR NURSES
10 BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER. THE RETENTION IS A BIG
11 DEAL. I MEAN, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO SETTLE OUR CONTRACT TWO
12 MONTHS AGO ON THE RETENTIONS STRUCTURE SALARY, WHICH WE
13 HAVEN'T BEEN, AND THE LACK OF D.H.R. TO MEET WITH US, TO
14 SETTLE THIS CONTRACT, IT'S BEYOND ME. I MEAN, HERE WE ARE, 16
15 YEARS LATER WHEN WE, ACROSS THE TABLE, SAID WHAT THE PROBLEM
16 IS AND HOW YOU CAN SAVE MONEY AND YET THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO
17 MEET WITH US. FOR, YOU KNOW, JUST IF YOU'RE NOT AWARE, A
18 AGENCY EMPLOYEE GETS \$56 AN HOUR. A TRAVELERS GET \$80 AN HOUR
19 AND A REGULAR SALARY STAFF EMPLOYEE MAKES, ACCORDING TO H.R.,
20 \$38 AN HOUR. THAT IS RIDICULOUS. THAT'S WHERE THE PROBLEM IS.
21 YOU WOULD SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IF YOU WOULD ADDRESS THE
22 RETENTION PROBLEM, KEEP YOUR PERMANENT NURSES AND YOU DON'T
23 HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THE CONTRACTS AND AGENCIES. AND, BESIDES
24 THAT, EVEN IF YOU CONTRACT OUT AND THE AGENCIES, WE, AS COUNTY
25 EMPLOYEE MANAGERS, ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE TO VERIFY THAT THIS



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1 REGISTERED NURSES HAVE A SKILL VALIDATIONS, THAT THEY'RE
2 ORIENTED, THAT THEY HAVE A VALID NURSING LICENSE, THAT THEIR
3 CERTIFICATES ARE IN PLACE, THAT THEIR PHYSICALS ARE IN PLACE,
4 THAT THEY ARE ACCREDITED AND THEY HAVE C.P.R. ALL THAT STILL
5 LIES ON US. WE'RE NOT RELIEVING COUNTY EMPLOYEES OF THAT
6 RESPONSIBILITY, WE'RE NOT RELIEVING COUNTY MANAGEMENT ON THAT
7 RESPONSIBILITY AND WE ARE NOT RELIEVING YOU FOR THE
8 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LAWSUITS THAT WOULD COME IN THROUGH OUR
9 SYSTEM BASED ON INADEQUATE ACCREDITATION AND VERIFICATION. SO
10 I, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR MOTION
11 BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND IT
12 NEEDS TO BE FIXED SO THAT, IN THE LONG RUN, YOU WOULD DECREASE
13 YOUR DEFICIT. I'M NOT SAYING FIX IT BUT DECREASE IT BY
14 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SINCE DR. CHERNOF IS HERE, THEN I'D LIKE TO CALL
22 UP NUMBER 9, RENEWAL OF THE OCTAGON CONTRACT.

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT WOULD BE FINE, SUPERVISOR.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I KNOW THERE'S SOME OTHER AMENDMENTS THAT
2 ARE GOING TO BE MADE BUT MY CONCERN ON THIS ONE IS, AGAIN, AN
3 ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. WE'VE ALWAYS HAD AND SUPPOSED TO
4 HAVE, IN OUR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ISSUES, THE ISSUES OF
5 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND, IN THIS PART OF IT AND THEY DO A GOOD
6 DEAL OF IT, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S NOT INVOLVED, AS I
7 UNDERSTAND, AND CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, IN MAKING SURE THAT
8 WHATEVER THE ERRORS OCCURRED THAT ARE HANDLED BY OCTAGON'S IN
9 THEIR CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT, THE WORK THAT THEY DO, THAT IT'S
10 REPORTED BACK INTO THE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHAT WENT WRONG AND
11 HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIX IT. AND SO I NEED THE DEPARTMENT TO BE
12 MUCH MORE ASSERTIVE AS TO HOW-- AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE NEED TO
13 PUT IT AS AN AMENDMENT, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE OTHER
14 SUPERVISORS HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO
15 HANDLE THIS IN THE FUTURE AS FAR AS THE CONTRACT, BUT I'M
16 CONCERNED OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS CONTRACT AS TO HOW IT
17 CONNECTS BACK INTO THE DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS CORRECTIVE
18 ACTIONS.

19
20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, MAYBE JUST A COMMENT AND THEN
21 IF COUNTY COUNSEL HAS A PERSPECTIVE AS WELL, THAT MIGHT BE
22 HELPFUL. HAVING BEEN BACK IN THIS DEPARTMENT ABOUT A YEAR NOW,
23 HAVING HAD A CHANCE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR RISK MANAGEMENT
24 STAFF AND WORK WITH THE OCTAGON STAFF, I FIRMLY BELIEVE, AS
25 YOU ASKED ME TO STEP UP AS ACTING DIRECTOR WHILE YOU PROCEED



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1 WITH YOUR SEARCH, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE IMPROVE
2 AND RETHINK THE WAY THAT WE GO ABOUT SOME OF OUR RISK
3 MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE NEED TO MOVE TO A
4 MORE RISK-- ALMOST SORT OF A RISK MITIGATION STRATEGY. AND
5 WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS THAT WE INVOLVE FOLKS MUCH EARLIER IN
6 THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING CASES, THAT WE HAVE CRITERIA FOR
7 SELECT CASES WHERE WE WANT OUR LEGAL FOLKS TO PARTICIPATE WITH
8 US EARLIER IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE CASES, TO HELP GUIDE OUR
9 MANAGEMENT AND SO THAT WE CAN COME TO YOUR BOARD AND THE
10 PUBLIC WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN
11 PLACE MUCH SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. FRANKLY, FROM MY
12 PERSPECTIVE, THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS THAT THESE CASES TEND TO
13 WORK THEMSELVES THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM, WHICH TAKES TIME
14 AND, WHILE THAT TIME LAPSES, SO DO THE STAFF THAT ARE
15 AVAILABLE OR PRESENT WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THOSE CASES. SOME OF
16 THEM ARE TRAINEES. AND OUR GOAL NEEDS TO BE TO MOVE TO A MORE
17 FRONT LOADED PROCESS, WHERE...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, SUPPOSEDLY, WE CREATED ONE BUT I DON'T KNOW
20 THAT MS. SARIFF MONITORS IT AS EXTENSIVELY AS WE SHOULD AND SO
21 WE DO NEED TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT MONITOR IT. MAYBE WHAT WE
22 CAN DO, AS WE REDO THE R.F.P. ON THIS AND HAVE MORE
23 ACCOUNTABILITY IN THAT, IS MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS A PART OF
24 IT. OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE PEOPLE MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE OVER
25 AND OVER AGAIN AND YOU'RE RIGHT, WE'RE TRAINING PEOPLE EVERY



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1 SINGLE DAY AND MONITORING FOLKS BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IF
2 WE'RE NOT HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THESE KINDS OF ERRORS
3 AND WE'RE JUST PAYING OUT TAX DOLLARS ON IT, IT JUST DOESN'T
4 MAKE SENSE.

5

6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT, SUPERVISOR,
7 BECAUSE I THINK, RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE CLAIM TO ARRIVE
8 AND THEN BEGIN OUR WORK AT THAT POINT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE
9 CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR COUNSEL TO ENGAGE THEM IN
10 SELECT CASES, TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF
11 POTENTIAL RISK, THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. IT WILL IMPROVE
12 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, GET THEM IMPLEMENTED EARLIER AND
13 ALSO, I THINK, HAVE A MORE INFORMED DISCUSSION WHEN WE
14 ACTUALLY DO HAVE A CLAIM THAT WE NEED TO SETTLE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I LEAVE IT. I KNOW THERE'S OTHER
17 MOTIONS...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** BRIAN, WE ALSO HAVE ROCKY COULD RESPOND TO THAT
20 WHAT THE PROCESS IS, TOO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK THEY GET TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS END
23 OF IT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S THE PROBLEM, RIGHT? OCTAGON IS THE
24 ONLY ONE THAT'S INVOLVED IN THESE CASES AND EVEN-- I MEAN,
25 EVEN OUR DEPARTMENT DOESN'T PARTICIPATE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ROCKY, DO YOU WANT TO...

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4 **ROCKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE, OCTAGON HAS BEEN AT ISSUE FOR US FOR SOME
6 TIME. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE COUNTY, THE FIRST DAY I WAS
7 HERE, THE ISSUE OF OCTAGON AND ITS PERFORMANCE AROSE. ONE OF
8 THE AREAS OF DEFICIENCY THAT I'VE NOTICED IN OUR PROCESS IS
9 THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOSE ENOUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
10 BETWEEN THE CLAIMS PROCESSING AND OUR LOSS PREVENTION
11 PROCESSING IN PRIMARILY OUR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS. I ALSO
12 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT ON THE BOARD AND THE PLEASURE OF
13 SITTING ON THE CLAIMS BOARD-- EXCUSE ME, YOUR CLAIMS BOARD ON
14 YOUR BEHALF, AND WHAT I NOTICED, WHEN THE CORRECTIVE ACTION
15 PLANS COME THROUGH THE CLAIMS BOARD FOR REVIEW, THEY ARE ON
16 CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN TWO TO THREE YEARS OLD AND THEY'VE JUST
17 BEEN WRITTEN, SAY, WITHIN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. WHAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO DO, AND WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IN
19 RISK MANAGEMENT, IS TO START WRITING THOSE CORRECTIVE ACTION
20 PLANS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN WE GET THE CLAIM IN FOR THE
21 FIRST TIME AND IT'S SERVED UPON THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE ALREADY DO THAT, DON'T WE? MISS SARIFF,
24 DON'T WE DO THAT NOW? YES, WE DO, BECAUSE I PASSED A MOTION
25 THAT SAYS THAT.



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2 **ROCKY:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE HAVE SOME ROOM
3 FOR IMPROVEMENT AND...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE DO THAT NOW. HOW CAN WE NOT DO THAT?

6

7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE DO THAT NOW. I THINK THAT
8 THE OPPORTUNITY IS TO START TO WORK ON CASES BEFORE THERE'S A
9 CLAIM. I THINK THAT THE GOAL HERE IS TO MANAGE RISK WHEN IT
10 APPEARS. TO THE EXTENT THAT A CLAIM IS FILED DOWN THE LINE,
11 THAT'S THE NEXT STEP IN THE PUZZLE. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CASES
12 IN AN ENVIRONMENT THIS BIG WHERE CASES WILL APPEAR-- A CLAIM
13 WILL APPEAR, BECAUSE SOMEBODY CAN SUE AT ANY TIME THEY WANT,
14 WHETHER THE CARE IS GOOD, BAD OR INDIFFERENT, SO CLAIMS WILL
15 APPEAR AROUND CASES THAT WE MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH BUT I
16 THINK THAT THERE ARE CLEARLY SUBSETS OF CASES AND YOUR
17 BOARD...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING
20 ABOUT.

21

22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ...HAS SEEN THEM. THE...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ONES HE'S TALKING ABOUT, AS WELL, WHEN YOU
25 GET A CLAIMS BOARD, IT SHOULD HAVE HAD A CORRECTIVE ACTION



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1 FROM THE DAY THE INCIDENT OCCURRED BECAUSE YOU KNOW OF THE
2 INCIDENT, I MEAN, IT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT SHOWS UP THREE
3 MONTHS LATER. USUALLY, IT HAPPENS THAT DAY AND YOU SHOULD KNOW
4 ABOUT IT AND, ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAD PUT IN
5 PLACE, I THOUGHT THAT HAD ALREADY STARTED AND THAT'S WHAT MISS
6 SARIFF WAS SUPPOSED TO MONITOR.

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT IS WHAT SHE IS MONITORING BUT IF A
9 CASE COMES FORWARD AS A CLAIM...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, YOU HAVE ROCKY HERE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT
12 THAT.

13

14 **ROCKY:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE HAVE RECOGNIZED
15 ALSO THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO MITIGATE LOSSES BEFORE
16 THEY ARE FILED UPON YOUR BOARD. WHAT DR. CHERNOF IS TRYING TO
17 SAY IS THAT WE WANT TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN THAT AREA AND
18 CLAIMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED BUT WE ARE AWARE OF, ONCE
19 BECOME AWARE OF THEM, START THAT PROCESS IMMEDIATELY AND THAT
20 MAY, IN FACT, SPEED UP THE CLAIMS PROCESS BY AS MUCH AS THREE
21 TO SIX. MONTHS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE. THIS IS A CONSTANT
24 DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER-- SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A BRIEF AMENDMENT TO THIS. THE C.A.O.
4 HAS INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THE
5 ADJUSTING OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS WITH AN IN-HOUSE
6 C.A.O. CLAIMS UNIT. ACCORDING TO THE BOARD LETTER OF DECEMBER
7 6TH, THE C.A.O. DETERMINED THAT THE TRANSITION TO AN IN-HOUSE
8 OPERATION WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THE
9 C.A.O. HAS NOT ISSUED A REPORT DETAILING HIS VIEWS ON THIS
10 MATTER. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.A.O. BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE
11 A REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS CONCERNING THE
12 FEASIBILITY OF ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTY'S TORT
13 LIABILITY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT TO THE C.A.O.
14 RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 2007. I FURTHER
15 MOVE THAT RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 2 IN THE C.A.O. REPORT BE
16 AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
17 OFFICER, WITH BOARD APPROVAL, THAT'S THE ADDITION, "WITH BOARD
18 APPROVAL", TO EXECUTE ALL RENEWAL OPTIONS, EXTENSIONS AND
19 CHANGES-- CHANGE NOTICES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
20 CONTRACT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. MR. JANSSEN?
23 YOUR DECEMBER 16TH MEMO, WHAT HAS CHANGED FROM THE TIME THAT
24 YOU SAID THAT WE SHOULD NOT MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A
25 RECOMMENDATION TO CONSOLIDATE TO TODAY?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, IS THAT THE MEMO THAT HAS NOT BEEN
3 RELEASED?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU SIGNED IT TO ALL THE BOARD
6 MEMBERS.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE IS A REPORT-- THERE IS A DRAFT REPORT
9 OUT, I THINK, THAT WE OWE BACK TO THE BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT SAYS BASED ON-- IT'S SIGNED BY YOU.
12 IT SAYS BASED ON THE C.A.O.'S ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH
13 AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL AND BOARD OFFICES, THE
14 C.A.O. HAS DECIDED NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO
15 CONSOLIDATE THE COUNTY'S MED MAL TORT CLAIM ADJUSTING FUNCTION
16 TO THE C.A.O. AT THIS TIME.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I THINK WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS
19 ASKING IS THE REPORT THAT SUBSTANTIATES WHAT THIS MEMO SAYS,
20 WHICH IS ARE WE PREPARED AND, IF WE'RE NOT, WHEN WILL WE BE
21 PREPARED? I THINK THAT'S ALL HE'S ASKING IS FOR THE BACKUP TO
22 THIS MEMO, AN EXPLANATION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S TO ANALYZE THIS OPTION, EXACTLY.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I'LL SECOND IT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WHAT'S DIFFERENT AFTER 60 DAYS?
4 WHAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT WITHIN 60 DAYS?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE
7 HAVE-- I KNOW THERE'S A DRAFT REPORT. I'M NOT SURE THAT IT'S
8 BEEN FINALIZED OR ISSUED TO THE BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, THIS ISN'T A DRAFT, THIS IS A
11 REPORT.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THIS IS A LETTER, THIS IS A MEMO. IT'S NOT A
14 REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, IT'S A REPORT TO THE BOARD
17 RELATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
18 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND HOSPITAL LIABILITY TORT REFORM,
19 ADJUSTING FUNCTION TO THE C.A.O. TO EACH OF THE FIVE
20 SUPERVISORS. YOU'VE SEEN IT, HAVEN'T YOU?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. I'M LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW AND I DON'T
23 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OUR KEEPING...

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHAT HAS CHANGED BETWEEN THIS TIME
2 AND TODAY IS WHAT-- IS ALL I'M ASKING?

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THE QUESTION IS, IF AND WHEN WOULD THE
5 COUNTY BE READY TO TAKE OVER THE FUNCTION? AND, AS OF THE
6 SPRING-- OR THE FALL, EXCUSE ME, WE DID NOT FEEL THAT WE WOULD
7 BE READY. WE ARE NOT READY AT THIS TIME TO BRING IT IN-HOUSE.
8 WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS SUGGESTING IS THAT WE KEEP THAT
9 OPTION OPEN FOR THE FUTURE, POSSIBLY IN JANUARY OF '07, AND
10 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THAT OPTION. AND THAT'S ALL HE'S
11 ASKING AND I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH REPORTING BACK.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON'T YOU FEEL THAT WE COULD IMPROVE
14 THE R.F.P. PROCESS SO IT'S AN OPEN PROCESS THAT ALLOWS MORE
15 PARTICIPATION SO THAT THE COUNTY'S ABLE TO HAVE THE BEST BID
16 POSSIBLE AND RESOLVE THE DILEMMAS THAT WE'VE BEEN FACED WITH?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THE ANSWER IS YES AND WE THINK THAT YOUR
19 MOTION AND SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION WILL HELP DO THAT,
20 ESTABLISH A BETTER PROCESS, AND WE MAY GET MULTIPLE BIDS. WE'D
21 BE SURPRISED BUT WE MAY, AND, IF WE DO, THAT WOULD BE GREAT
22 BUT, IF WE DON'T, THE ALTERNATIVE BRINGING IT IN-HOUSE MAY BE
23 THE ONLY ONE THAT'S AVAILABLE TO US AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO
24 HAVE THAT AS AN OPTION AS WELL. SO, YOU KNOW, WE THINK THE
25 MOTIONS ARE ALL COMPATIBLE. ONE IS TO IMPROVE THE R.F.P.



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1 PROCESS, DEVELOPING A TASK FORCE TO DO IT, WORKING WITH
2 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THE OTHER IS TO TAKE
3 A LOOK AT BRINGING IT IN-HOUSE SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE BUT
4 WE'RE NOT PREPARED TO DO THAT RIGHT NOW.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL JUST SECOND THE MOTION. I MEAN, IN ADDITION
9 TO ALL THIS, I THINK-- I MEAN, THE OTHER REALITY IS WE STILL
10 HAVE TO NEED SOME CLARIFICATION ON TURF BATTLES HERE, YOU
11 KNOW, BETWEEN COUNTY COUNSEL AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND SOME OF
12 THE OTHERS AND...

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS BEYOND STUPIDITY, FOLKS. I MEAN, THAT'S
15 WHY WE BROUGHT THEM ON.

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17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND WE'LL WORK THAT OUT IN THE NEW YEAR.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'LL SECOND ZEV'S MOTION.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO, SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO ADD. I ASSUME THAT WE'RE
24 GOING TO GET A REPORT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE A-- THE MOTION WITH
2 THE AMENDMENT BY MOLINA AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED.

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE'S A GREEN SHEET, I THINK YOU HAVE A
6 GREEN SHEET AMENDMENT THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. THAT INCLUDED THE ITEM ON THE
9 GREEN SHEET. SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MY MOTION AS PART OF THAT
10 MOTION THAT WAS APPROVED WITH THAT MOTION, AS AMENDED.
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE TOOK CARE OF THAT ITEM? ALL RIGHT. GOOD. I'D
14 LIKE TO CALL UP S-1. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HEAR THAT AT 11:00.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS A SET ITEM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF
17 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGARDING FAIRNESS PLANS.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A MOTION THAT I HAD PUT
20 TOGETHER AND I THINK THEY HAVE A REPORT TO SHARE WITH US.

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22 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. I'M
23 HERE TODAY TO GIVE YOU A REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO
24 RESPOND TO A CATASTROPHIC EVENT. BASED ON A MOTION BY
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED THE CHIEF



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1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO REVIEW EXISTING PLANS AND HOLD THEM
2 UP AGAINST, LET'S SAY, A LITMUS TEST OF WHETHER THE COUNTY
3 COULD COULD RESPOND TO SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC. WITH YOUR
4 INDULGENCE, WHAT I'D TO DO IS GIVE YOU A SYNOPSIS OF OUR
5 CURRENT LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS, A LITTLE SOMETHING ON THE
6 METHODOLOGY WE USED FOR TODAY'S REPORT, AND THEN A DISCUSSION
7 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE NEXT PHASE OF THIS. FIRST OF
8 ALL, YOU KNOW, THERE'S GOOD NEWS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE
9 PROBABLY THE BEST PREPARED COUNTY ANYWHERE. WE'VE BEEN USING
10 THE STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SINCE 1995. THAT
11 SYSTEM GIVES US A STRUCTURE, AN ORGANIZATION, COMMON
12 TERMINOLOGY AND A HOST OF OTHER CAPABILITIES SO THAT WE CAN DO
13 AN ORGANIZED RESPONSE FROM THE LOCAL, COUNTY, REGIONAL AND
14 STATE LEVEL. THE SYSTEM IS SO ROBUST THAT IT WAS THE BASIS FOR
15 THE NEW NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. WE ALSO HAVE A
16 STATE-OF-THE-ART COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. YOUR
17 BOARD APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CENTER BACK IN 1989
18 AND THANK GOODNESS THAT YOU DID, BECAUSE A WHOLE LOT HAPPENED
19 IN THE '90S, AS YOU KNOW. WE WERE THE POSTER CHILD FOR
20 DISASTERS IN THE '90S. THAT E.O.C., EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
21 CENTER, HAS STATE-OF-THE-ART CAPABILITIES, REDUNDANT
22 COMMUNICATIONS. IT IS ALSO DESIGNED AROUND THE INCIDENT
23 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SIMS. IT ALLOWS US TO DO OUR JOB AS THE
24 OPERATIONAL AREA COORDINATOR. IN OTHER WORDS, COORDINATING
25 WITH ALL OF THE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY AND ACTING AS THE



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1 INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE CITIES AND THE STATE. WE'VE ALSO DONE
2 A GREAT DEAL OF WORK ON TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS. I BELIEVE THAT
3 YOU'RE WELL AWARE THAT WE'VE RECEIVED MANY, MANY MILLIONS OF
4 HOMELAND SECURITY DOLLARS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND WE
5 COORDINATE THAT PROCESS ON BEHALF OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. THE
6 GOAL IS TO ENGAGE ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AND MAXIMIZE THE USE OF
7 THOSE DOLLARS FOR THE GREATEST GOOD AND THAT PROCESS HAS BEEN
8 GOING ON. THERE'S A GREAT ENHANCED CAPABILITY IN THE TERRORISM
9 ARENA WITH EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, EXERCISE, AND PLAN DEVELOPMENT
10 CAPABILITIES. SOMETHING THAT'S NEW ON THE HORIZON AS WELL IS A
11 NEW JOINT REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER. IT'S GOING TO BE
12 OPENING IN 2006. IT'S GOING TO HAVE MULTIPLE AGENCIES,
13 INCLUDING THE F.B.I., THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, STATE OFFICE
14 OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, L.A. POLICE
15 DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE THING THAT'S
16 IMPORTANT ABOUT IT IS THAT IT WILL BE THE FIRST IN THE NATION
17 TO LEVERAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS AT ALL LEVELS OF
18 GOVERNMENT AND TO INCORPORATE KNOWLEDGE AND CAPABILITIES OF
19 THE FIRE SERVICE AND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS WELL IN
20 ORDER TO HELP PREVENT AND RESPOND TO ACTS OF TERRORISM. ON A
21 DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
22 COORDINATES PLANNING AND EXERCISES WITH THE 88 CITIES IN THIS
23 COUNTY. WE DO IT BY WORKING THROUGH THEIR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
24 AREA COORDINATORS. WE ALSO DO MAJOR COUNTYWIDE EXERCISES. THIS
25 YEAR'S PROGRAM ALONE HAD A VERY AMBITIOUS 39 EXERCISES, MOST



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1 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WE DID HAVE TO REVERT FIVE OF
2 THEM OR DEFER FIVE OF THEM UNTIL JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR BECAUSE
3 OF THE EVENTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA. ALL OF OUR COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS, FOR MANY YEARS, HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO HAVE
5 DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY PLANS. THOSE PLANS HAVE TO EXPLAIN HOW
6 THEY'RE GOING TO CARRY OUT THEIR NON-DEFERRABLE MISSIONS AND
7 HOW THEY'RE GOING TO CARRY OUT ANY EMERGENCY MISSIONS. OUR
8 FACILITIES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO HAVE FACILITY EMERGENCY PLANS
9 AND THEY DO. IN ADDITION, AS YOU KNOW, DEPARTMENTS ARE
10 CURRENTLY WORKING ON BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS AND WE'RE
11 REPORTING TO YOUR BOARD QUARTERLY ON THE STATUS OF THAT
12 EFFORT. MY REASON FOR SUMMARIZING ALL OF THESE THINGS IS TO
13 SAY TO YOU, AND I KNOW THAT THE MEDIA ALSO LOOKS AT WHAT IS
14 SAID IN THIS BOARDROOM, SAY TO YOU THAT THIS COUNTY IS WELL
15 PREPARED AND HAS DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS. THAT DOESN'T MEAN
16 WE'RE PERFECT AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE ISN'T WORK AND I'M
17 GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT IN JUST A MINUTE. I'D LIKE TO ALSO
18 JUST BRIEFLY MENTION WE'VE GOT AN AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC
19 PREPAREDNESS AND OUTREACH PROGRAM THROUGH THE EMERGENCY
20 SURVIVAL PROGRAM AND THAT CAN BE ACCESSED ON OUR WEBSITE, IT'S
21 PUT OUT THROUGH EXPOS, TOWN HALL MEETINGS, AS MANY VENUES AS
22 WE POSSIBLY CAN PUT IT OUT AND IT'S AN ALL HAZARDS PUBLIC
23 EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF IT, IT'S WON MANY
24 AWARDS. IT DOES A GOOD JOB. THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THAT
25 PROGRAM IS GREATER OUTREACH, AND I'LL MENTION THAT IN JUST A



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1 MINUTE. IN ORDER TO PUT TOGETHER THIS REPORT, WE HAD TO KEEP
2 IN MIND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR GARDEN VARIETY DISASTER.
3 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC. EVERYONE WATCHED
4 THE HORRIFIC CHAIN OF EVENTS IN HURRICANE KATRINA AND,
5 ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO HURRICANES HERE, WE HAD TO TAKE
6 A LOOK AT WHAT ARE THE LIKELY SCENARIOS THAT WILL PRODUCE
7 CATASTROPHIC EVENTS FOR US. I GOT IN TOUCH WITH A GOOD FRIEND,
8 DR. LUCY JONES, WHO IS THE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE FOR THE
9 U.S.G.S. AND SHE SAID THE MOST LIKELY EVENT THAT WOULD CAUSE
10 CATASTROPHIC EVENTS WOULD BE A BLIND THRUST FAULT EARTHQUAKE
11 ON THE POINTY HILLS FAULT. NOW, THE PROBABILITY OF SUCH AN
12 EVENT IS REMOTE, I WANT TO SAY THAT GOING OUT, IT'S ONE IN
13 5,000 YEARS, I BELIEVE, BUT THE POINT IS, IF WE DID HAVE ONE,
14 IT WOULD PRODUCE THE MOST CATASTROPHIC LOSSES. WE ALSO TALKED
15 TO OUR TERRORISM EARLY WARNING GROUP AND THEY SAID A
16 RADIOLOGICAL DIRTY BOMB EVENT WOULD PROBABLY PRODUCE THE MOST
17 LOSSES IN A TERRORISM EVENT. SO WE WANTED TO HAVE SOME
18 EXPERTISE GOING IN, WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT WOULD REALLY GET
19 US TO THAT CATASTROPHIC POINT? WE CONDUCTED A SELF-EXAMINATION
20 WITH OUR KEY DEPARTMENTS, POSING ABOUT 138 DIFFERENT QUESTIONS
21 ASKING THEM ABOUT THEIR READINESS LEVELS. AND, BASED ON THAT
22 SELF-EXAMINATION, THE STAKEHOLDERS DID IDENTIFY SOME BROAD
23 CATEGORIES OF PLANNING AND RESPONSE WEAKNESS WHERE WE BELIEVE
24 WE CAN MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. I'D LIKE TO REFER TO THOSE FINDINGS.
25 I'LL START WITH FINDING NUMBER 1 AND I'D LIKE TO JUST ADD



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1 SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IS CERTAINLY
2 SOMETHING THAT YOUR BOARD HAS A VERY KEEN INTEREST IN AND A
3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HAS
4 CONCERNS ALSO THAT WE DO A GOOD JOB IN THE UNINCORPORATED
5 AREAS. WE DID IDENTIFY THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ASSESS THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE
7 COORDINATED PLANS. AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT, WE HAVE WONDERFUL
8 SERVICES ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
9 PROVIDES SERVICES, OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES SERVICES, ALL
10 OF THE THINGS THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT, BUT THERE ARE
11 SOME AREAS OF THE INCORPORATED AREA THAT MAY HAVE CERTAIN
12 RISKS, WHETHER IT'S HIGH FIRE DANGER, FLOODING DANGER, AND WE
13 BELIEVE THAT WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB BY ASSESSING THE HIGHEST
14 RISK AREAS AND LOOKING AT THEM TO SEE WHETHER WE NEED TO DO A
15 BETTER JOB OF COORDINATING PLANS. SO THE RECOMMENDATION ASKS
16 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE PREPAREDNESS NEEDS AND
17 HAZARDS OF THE VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WE NEED TO
18 ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT IT'S FEASIBLE TO ESTABLISH SOME TYPE OF
19 AN EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATION EFFORT TO ADDRESS SOME
20 COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC COORDINATED RESPONSE PLANS. MY
21 UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF A NUMBER OF
22 ASPECTS OF UNINCORPORATED AREA SERVICES THAT I BELIEVE THE
23 C.A.O. IS LOOKING AT. SO THIS WILL PROBABLY ALSO FOLD INTO
24 SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE BEING WORKED ON. FINDING NUMBER 2
25 HAS TO DO WITH SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS. I WANT TO SAY TO YOU



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1 THAT THE STATE IS CURRENTLY ADDRESSING AND DEVELOPING
2 EVACUATION STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE SPECIAL NEEDS
3 POPULATIONS AND OUR OFFICE, PLUS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HAS
4 ALREADY ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH THE STATE ON THIS MATTER. WE
5 SAW, AGAIN, WHAT HAPPENED WITH HURRICANE KATRINA AND WE DO NOT
6 WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO
7 ADEQUATELY PLAN FOR THE NEEDS OF SPECIAL POPULATIONS SO THIS
8 SHOULD BE A GOAL FOR US IN FUTURE PLANNING. FINDING NUMBER 3
9 HAS TO DO WITH ALERT AND WARNING. AND, AS YOU KNOW, THE
10 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PROVIDES ALERTS AND WARNINGS OVER
11 TELEVISION AND RADIO. IT'S A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM BUT WE HAVE
12 GOOD COOPERATION FROM THE MEDIA AND THEY WILL DISPENSE WITH
13 THEIR NORMAL BROADCASTING WHEN THERE IS A NEED FOR A SPECIAL
14 EMERGENCY ALERT. BUT WE DON'T HAVE ALTERNATIVE METHODS IN
15 PLACE RIGHT NOW FOR ALERTING AND WARNINGS SUCH AS SIRENS AND
16 SO THE RECOMMENDATION HAS TO DO WITH EXAMINING ALTERNATIVES TO
17 THE E.A.S. SYSTEM AND THAT'S ONE THAT WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO
18 REPORT BACK TO YOU ON WHAT WE'VE DETERMINED. FINDING NUMBER 4
19 HAS TO DO WITH EVACUATION AND THE FINDINGS SAID THAT CURRENT
20 PLANS NEED TO BE ENHANCED TO ADDRESS THE MASSIVE NUMBERS OF
21 EVACUEES THAT MIGHT BE GENERATED BY A CATASTROPHIC EVENT. I
22 CAN TELL YOU THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS A GOOD EMERGENCY
23 EVACUATION PLAN, IT'S BEEN PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A
24 NUMBER OF OTHER SERVICES, AT BOTH OUR LEVEL AND THE STATE
25 LEVEL, BUT WE REALIZE THERE'S ALWAYS AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT AND



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1 THE STATE HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED SOME STATEWIDE GAPS. SO, AGAIN,
2 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OUR OFFICE IS PARTICIPATING IN A
3 STATEWIDE SET OF MEETINGS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
4 EVACUATION STANDARDS AND THOSE WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO OUR
5 PLANS. FINDING NUMBER 5-- AND THESE, BY THE WAY, ARE UNDER
6 HEADINGS MANAGEMENT AND SITUATION ANALYSIS. EACH ONE WAS A
7 BROAD AREA THAT WE LOOKED AT. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF
8 WELL-TRAINED REDUNDANT COUNTY MANAGERS AND STAFF TO PERFORM
9 THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DUTIES AND SITUATION ANALYSIS. IT'S
10 JUST LIKE A FIRST RESPONDER IN THE SENSE THAT, IF THE FIRST
11 RESPONDERS DON'T GET TRAINING AND GET TO USE THOSE SKILLS,
12 THEY DO LOSE THEM. WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE IN MANAGEMENT
13 POSITIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY, THEY NEED GOOD TRAINING AND
14 THEY NEED TO CONSTANTLY HAVE REINFORCEMENT OR ELSE THEY WILL
15 LOSE SOME OF THOSE SKILLS AS WELL. WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO DO
16 MORE FREQUENT AND MORE EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN THE COUNTY
17 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO ENSURE PROFICIENCY AND IT NEEDS
18 TO BE DONE WITHIN A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR EITHER NEWLY HIRED
19 STAFF OR NEWLY APPOINTED STAFF TO ROLES WITHIN THAT FACILITY
20 AND WE NEED TO GIVE POST-TRAINING TESTS TO ASSESS WHETHER OR
21 NOT WE'RE HITTING THE MARK WITH OUR TRAINEES. SO THOSE ARE
22 SOME INTERNAL THINGS THAT WE KNOW OUR OFFICE NEEDS TO WORK ON.
23 FINDING NUMBER 6 IN THE MEDICAL MENTAL HEALTH ARENA, AGAIN,
24 WHEN YOU LOOK AT CATASTROPHIC EVENTS, THERE IS A CONCERN FOR
25 RESOURCES, WHETHER THERE'S SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO HANDLE MASS



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1 CASUALTY EVENTS. RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME OUT OF THE GROUP WAS
2 THAT ADDITIONAL MASS CASUALTY EVACUATION QUARANTINE PLANNING
3 AND TRAINING SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ALL MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH
4 AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE
5 CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR FACILITIES IN THE EVENT STAFFING
6 PATIENTS MUST EVACUATE AND ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF
7 ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AND OTHER RESOURCES. FINDING NUMBER 7, ALSO
8 IN THE MEDICAL ARENA, RECOMMENDS THAT PRIMARY AND SUPPORT
9 DEPARTMENTS, ALONG WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, DEVELOP A
10 MEDICATION SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN, PARTICULARLY MENTAL
11 HEALTH, PSYCHOTROPIC AND OTHER CRITICAL MEDICATIONS AND I HAD
12 TO FIND OUT WHAT IS PSYCHOTROPIC, SO NOW I KNOW, BUT THIS IS A
13 PLAN THAT IS IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT. IN THE CARE AND SHELTER
14 ARENA, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT THE COUNTY EXPAND ITS WORK
15 WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SHELTER OPERATORS
16 TO ADDRESS PLANNING GAPS AND, ONCE THE STATE RELEASES THEIR
17 STANDARDS THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING, WE WILL
18 INCORPORATE THE STATE'S STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES REGARDING
19 CARE AND SHELTERING IN THE COUNTY PLANS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES.
20 ALTHOUGH RELY HEAVILY ON THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND OTHER
21 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SHELTERING ARENA, GOVERNMENT
22 STILL DOES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELLBEING OF THE
23 PUBLIC THAT WE SERVE AND WE HAVE TO PARTNER AND MAKE SURE THAT
24 WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING ON A CATASTROPHIC LEVEL. WE
25 DID LOOK AT TERRORISM AS WELL. IN FACT, LAST YEAR'S



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1 OPERATIONAL AREA EXERCISE, OPERATION TALA-VERA, WAS A MEANS
2 FOR A GAP ANALYSIS. THE TERRORISM EARLY WARNING GROUP
3 CONDUCTED A GAP ANALYSIS BASED ON THAT EXERCISE AND THEY HAVE
4 BEEN WORKING ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THAT EXERCISE AND THEY'VE
5 REPORTED TO ME THAT THEY'RE CONTINUING TO ASSESS AND MODIFY
6 THEIR APPROACH BUT THEY DID NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC GAP AREA THAT
7 THEY COULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON TODAY. THERE WAS ALSO A
8 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING UTILITY COMPANIES, AND THE GOAL TO
9 MORE ACTIVELY ENGAGE THEM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS. SO WE
10 BELIEVE THAT PLANNING GROUPS MUST ROUTINELY INCLUDE PUBLIC
11 UTILITY AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESPONSE PLANS AND
12 OPERATIONAL AREA EXERCISES. AND THEN FINALLY, AGAIN,
13 MENTIONING THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE THAT THE
14 MOST SIGNIFICANT SHORTCOMING IS THE LACK OF FUNDING TO PROMOTE
15 IT ON A VERY, VERY BROAD BASIS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE
16 PRINTING AND PROVIDING LARGE QUANTITIES OF HANDOUTS TO MEMBERS
17 OF THE PUBLIC, THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE INTERNET CAPABILITY,
18 PROMOTING OUR E.S.P. WEBSITE ON A LARGER SCALE, AND PRODUCING
19 RADIO AND TELEVISION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO AIR
20 DURING PRIME TIME. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE ABILITY TO PERHAPS
21 ENGAGE SOME MARKETING EXPERTISE TO HELP US DO A BETTER JOB IN
22 REACHING OUT WITH THE E.S.P. PROGRAM. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE
23 ALREADY AWARE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DIRECTING A
24 NUMBER OF NEW FEDERAL MANDATES AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL.
25 THE PRESIDENT HAS ISSUED A NUMBER OF DIRECTIVES, INCLUDING THE



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1 NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, THE NATIONAL RESPONSE
2 PLAN AND THE NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS GOAL. AND UNDER EACH OF
3 THOSE BROAD HEADINGS ARE A NUMBER OF TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS AND
4 CAPABILITIES THAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST ACHIEVE. WE
5 HAVE A REQUIREMENT TO BE COMPLIANT WITH CERTAIN AREAS OF THE
6 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS BY FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR '06 AND, IF WE
7 FAIL TO BE COMPLIANT, WE WILL LOSE FEDERAL FUNDING. WE'VE
8 TAKEN A VERY PROACTIVE ROLE. YOUR BOARD HAS ALREADY ADOPTED A
9 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ACCEPTING NIMS AND PUTTING YOUR
10 FULL SUPPORT BEHIND IT. WE'VE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AN APPROVED
11 PLAN FOR HOW WE'RE GOING TO ADOPT NIMS AND MEET ALL OF THE
12 BENCHMARKS. WE'RE MAKING GREAT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER,
13 IT IS CHALLENGING AND IT IS TASKING, NOT ONLY OUR OFFICE OF
14 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OTHERS AS WELL, OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITH
15 PLANNING RESOURCE NEEDS, PEOPLE ARE BEING STRETCHED,
16 OBVIOUSLY, IN A LOT OF DIRECTIONS. THE REASON I MENTION THIS
17 IS THAT I WANTED TO SORT OF SUM UP, IF I MAY, BY SAYING TO YOU
18 THAT WE NEED TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH AN ADDITIONAL REPORT. I
19 KNEW THIS THING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN PHASES, I KNEW WE
20 COULDN'T DO IT ALL IN ONE SHOT AND I BEG YOUR INDULGENCE. WE
21 NEED TO COME BACK WITH YOU WITH A SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN, WITH
22 WHAT I CALL ACTIONABLE ITEMS THAT WILL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT
23 WE INTEND TO DO WITHIN EACH OF THOSE BROAD CATEGORIES THAT I
24 MENTIONED TODAY. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIONABLE ITEMS, WE WANT
25 TO ATTACH TIME LINES SO THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU A REALISTIC



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1 PICTURE. SOME THINGS CAN PROBABLY BE DONE FAIRLY QUICKLY WITH
2 IN-HOUSE RESOURCES FOR DEPARTMENTS AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
3 MANAGEMENT. OTHERS ARE GOING TO BE A BIT MORE CHALLENGING,
4 THEY MAY TAKE MORE TIME, THEY MAY TAKE A PRE-PRIORITIZATION OF
5 CURRENT PROJECTIONS AND THEY MAY TAKE OTHER RESOURCES AND OUR
6 VISION IS TO BRING BACK A REPORT TO YOU IN 60 DAYS WITH
7 SPECIFIC ACTIONS, TIME LINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY
8 RESOURCES THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. THE
9 UNDERLYING THING WITH ALL OF THIS IS THAT, WHILE WE ARE TAKING
10 A LOOK AT OUR OWN PREPAREDNESS, THE NATION IS DOING THE VERY
11 SAME THING. THE PRESIDENT HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF ALL PLANS AT
12 THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE
13 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO DO JUST THAT. SO THE TIMING OF
14 THIS IS VERY GOOD. RATHER THAN DO THINGS PIECEMEAL, WE WANT TO
15 TRY AND INTEGRATE AND TAKE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LOOKING AT
16 PREPAREDNESS LEVELS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE MEETING THE NEW
17 FEDERAL STANDARDS AND WE'RE ROLLING THEM ALL INTO A
18 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS CAN ACTUALLY ACHIEVE.
19 THAT IS THE END OF MY REPORT AND I'D BE GLAD TO TAKE ANY
20 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THEN SUPERVISOR
23 KNABE.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...MISS PERETT FOR THE REPORT BUT I STILL . THINK
5 THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. I CERTAINLY
6 JUST POINTED OUT TO SOME MAJOR GAPS-- NOT MAJOR BUT, AGAIN,
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, I THINK IS A MAJOR GAP AND COMMUNICATION
8 SYSTEMS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY WHEN T.V.S AND RADIOS ARE NOT
9 AVAILABLE AS TO HOW WE INFORM PEOPLE AND MANY OTHER AREAS.
10 THERE ARE A LOT OF LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM KATRINA THAT I
11 THINK HELPS US, AS MS. PERETT POINTED OUT, WE'RE ONE OF THE
12 BEST AND WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
13 SYSTEM. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED TO SEE HOW QUICK IT GETS
14 OFF THE GROUND AND HOW EFFECTIVE IT IS IN COORDINATING WITH
15 ONE ANOTHER BUT I THINK IT DOES REQUIRE THAT, EVERY TIME WE
16 HAVE AN EVENT OF SOMETHING LIKE KATRINA, IT TELLS US AN AWFUL
17 LOT ABOUT WHAT WE STILL NEED TO DO IN MANY AREAS AND THIS ONE
18 AT LEAST BEGAN THAT ASSESSMENT OF LOOKING AT MANY OF THESE
19 AREAS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS AND PERSONNEL, AS WELL
20 AS MEDICATIONS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT. SO IT DOES TELL US
21 THAT WE STILL HAVE SOME WORK TO DO IN SOME OF THESE AREAS AND
22 I APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO STUDY IT A LITTLE FURTHER,
23 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BRING BACK SOME VERY SPECIFIC
24 RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL THAT WE MAY NEED TO IMPLEMENT AND MAY
25 COST US SOMETHING BUT THE REALITY IS, WE WANT TO BE AS



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1 PREPARED AS POSSIBLE AND THE COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL AND I'M
2 GLAD THAT YOU'RE INCLUDING THE PRIVATE UTILITY COMPANIES
3 BECAUSE I JUST VISITED WITH SOME OF THEM. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN
4 EMERGENCY CENTERS AS WELL THAT ARE EQUALLY AS EQUIPPED, IN
5 MANY INSTANCES, BUT THEY JUST HAVE THAT ONE AREA THAT THEY'RE
6 FOCUSING ON BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT TO COORDINATE ALL OF OUR
7 EFFORTS TOGETHER AND DO SOME PLANNING TOGETHER BECAUSE I'M
8 SURE THAT THEY HAVE SOME INSIGHT AS TO HOW TO HANDLE THESE
9 SITUATIONS. AND SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE AND
10 THE CONTINUED WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO IN THIS AREA.

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12 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THEN SUPERVISOR
15 BURKE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I TOO WANT TO THANK CONSTANCE FOR THIS REPORT AS
18 WELL, TOO. OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE AREAS WAS,
19 AS YOU MENTIONED, THE SPECIFIC SITUATIONS IN THE
20 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO THAT I BROUGHT IN
21 A MOTION ON A TSUNAMI PLAN AND WAS SORT OF LAUGHED AT AT THE
22 TIME BUT OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT. IS THAT GOING TO BE PART
23 OF, SAY, THE MARINA DEL REY, SOUTH BAY AREA, YOU KNOW,
24 PARTICULARLY THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MARINA DEL REY, A
25 TSUNAMI RESPONSE POTENTIAL?



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2 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** I'M VERY GLAD YOU'RE ASKING, SUPERVISOR. THE
3 TSUNAMI PLAN IS ACTUALLY IN A DRAFT FORM ON MY DESK RIGHT NOW
4 AND OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE IT BACK TO YOUR BOARD IN FINAL FORM BY
5 YOUR DEADLINE OF JANUARY 10TH. I DO NEED TO STILL TAKE IT
6 THROUGH OUR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND OUR EMERGENCY
7 MANAGEMENT COUNSEL BUT THE GOAL OF THAT TSUNAMI PLAN IS TO
8 ADDRESS ALL OF THE INUNDATION AREAS, INCLUDING THE MARINA DEL
9 REY AREA AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT MASS EVACUATION
10 ISSUES AS PART OF THIS REPORT IS GOING TO HELP US WITH TSUNAMI
11 PLANNING AND VICE VERSA. YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THESE THINGS HAVE
12 OVERLAPPING PLANNING REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT
13 TRIGGERED THE EVENT, YOU'RE EVACUATING, WHETHER IT'S A FIRE, A
14 FLOOD, WHATEVER IT IS, YOU'RE EVACUATING AND DO YOU HAVE
15 SUBSTANTIAL PLANS FOR THAT. SO I THINK THAT THE TIMING IS VERY
16 GOOD. WE HAD AN INTERIM PLAN, IT HAS SERVED US ADEQUATELY,
17 LUCKILY, KNOCK ON WOOD, WE HAVE NOT HAD A TSUNAMI BUT THAT
18 DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NOT GOING TO. AND I THINK THE FACT THAT
19 YOUR BOARD HAS MADE IT A PRIORITY AND REALLY HELPED FOCUS US
20 ON IT IS GOING TO PRODUCE A PLAN THAT YOU'LL BE SATISFIED WITH
21 AND WILL ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE INUNDATION
22 AREAS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK A COUPLE OF THINGS. I KNOW MY
4 STAFF HERE, YOU'RE DOING A MARVELOUS JOB, AS ALWAYS.

5

6 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S WHY WE CONTINUE TO BE LEADING THE NATION IN
9 TERMS OF PLANNING AND EFFECTIVENESS. WHAT ARE WE DOING IN
10 TERMS OF FLOODPLAIN AREAS AND WHAT HAVE WE IN PLACE FOR THAT?

11

12 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** SUPERVISOR, I AM RELUCTANT TO ATTEMPT TO
13 RESPOND TO THAT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE. THE
14 FLOOD PLANNING IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENT OF
15 PUBLIC WORKS AND THERE'S SOME WORK THAT THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT ALSO SHARES WITH THEM ON THAT AND I WOULD BE VERY
17 GLAD TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT THAT GIVES YOU BETTER
18 INFORMATION BUT I WOULD NOT RELY ON MY OWN KNOWLEDGE OF THAT.
19 FRANKLY, I'M AFRAID I'D GIVE YOU POOR INFORMATION AND I DON'T
20 WANT TO DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO FACE IS
23 RELOCATION, AND, WHEN WE WATCHED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER KATRINA
24 IN TERMS OF RELOCATION, IT'S JUST NOT AS SIMPLE AS IT SEEMS.
25 WE ALSO SAW RELOCATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES USING THE DREAM



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1 FACILITY. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT THE
2 POTENTIALS ARE FOR RELOCATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN
3 THE EVENT THAT IT BECOMES NECESSARY. ORDINARILY WHAT HAPPENS
4 IS EVERYONE IS RELOCATED TO THEIR SCHOOL, WHICH IS CLOSE BY,
5 BUT MY RECOLLECTION, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CASE OF WHERE, IN
6 LOS ANGELES, WE HAD TO HAVE MASSIVE RELOCATION OF PEOPLE. I
7 WOULD REALLY LIKE TO FIND OUT YOUR EVALUATION OF THE DREAM
8 FACILITY AND HOW IT WORKED. ALSO, HOW SOME OF THOSE ISSUES
9 WERE ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF FOOD AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT
10 ARE NECESSARY.

11

12 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** SUPERVISOR, IS THIS SOMETHING MAY I SUBMIT A
13 WRITTEN REPORT?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** SURE. I WOULDN'T EXPECT YOU TO DO IT NOW.

16

17 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** TODAY, I DIDN'T BRING ANY INFORMATION ON THE
18 DREAM CENTER. AND, YOU KNOW, WE WORKED WITH SOME VERY
19 WONDERFUL DEPARTMENTS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
20 MENTAL HEALTH AND A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE MUCH CLOSER
21 TO THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE DREAM CENTER THAN OUR OFFICE
22 HAS BEEN AND IF I MAY BE ALLOWED, WE WILL PUT TOGETHER A
23 WRITTEN REPORT FOR YOU AND SEND IT TO YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'VE BEEN HEARING DIFFERING EVALUATIONS, SO I
2 WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT-- THE INPUT YOU
3 RECEIVED WHEN YOU LOOKED INTO IT.

4
5 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** WE WILL MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

6
7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK, THE COMMUNICATIONS WE HAD
8 WITH OUR 88 CITIES, WE'RE COORDINATED, SO WHEN THAT NATURAL
9 DISASTER OCCURS, WE'RE ABLE TO HAVE DIRECT COMMUNICATION. HOW
10 DOES THAT SYSTEM WORK?

11
12 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE WE'VE GOT PROBABLY ONE
13 OF THE BEST SYSTEMS YOU COULD WANT AND IT IS OUR EMERGENCY
14 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. WE ARE CONNECTED WITH ALL 88
15 CITIES, THROUGH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM,
16 WHICH IS HOUSED IN OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, AND A
17 GREAT DEAL OF WORK OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN SPENT IN NOT ONLY
18 DEVELOPING IT BUT REFINING IT FOR USERS, MAKING IT MORE USER
19 FRIENDLY, MORE INTUITIVE, AND IT ALLOWS THE CITIES TO GIVE US
20 RAPID RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS, LET'S GET THE QUICK PICTURE, HOW
21 IS THE CITY DOING AND THEN, FROM THERE, WE ARE ABLE TO BORE
22 DOWN MORE DEEPLY INTO THE SPECIFICS OF THEIR DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
23 AND THEIR RESOURCE NEEDS. ANOTHER PROJECT THAT IS UNDER WAY
24 THAT IS GOING TO ENHANCE THAT COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY IS THE
25 EMERGENCY SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND THAT IS A



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1 PROJECT THAT IS BEING FUNDED BY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS. WE
2 ARE INSTALLING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS IN 138 LOCATIONS
3 WITHIN THE COUNTY AND 70 OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED
4 AND WE WILL BE COMPLETING THE REST OF THEM BY SPRING OF 2006
5 AND THAT SUPPLIES US A REDUNDANT CAPABILITY SHOULD OTHER MEANS
6 OF COMMUNICATION FAIL. SATELLITE HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE
7 EFFECTIVE SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT AS THE ADDITIONAL
8 MEANS TO SPEAK TO OUR CITIES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT TRIGGERS THE ACTIVATION OF
11 THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

12

13 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I ACTUALLY THINK WE'RE
14 TRIGGERED-- A LITTLE BIT LIGHTEARTED HERE, TRIGGERED ALL THE
15 TIME. BUT, IN TERMS OF EVENTS THAT WOULD ACTIVATE US IN THE
16 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, SOMETIMES IT IS AN EVOLVING
17 SITUATION. YOU MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING THAT STARTS OUT AS A
18 LITTLE BIT OF UNREST, MAYBE AFTER A SOCCER GAME, AND IF BEGINS
19 TO EXPAND AND SPILL OUT INTO THE STREETS, YOU KNOW, THE
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BRINGS UP THEIR DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY
21 OPERATIONS CENTER AND IF IT STARTS TO LOOK LIKE IT'S GETTING
22 WORSE AND GOING TO BRING IN MORE DISCIPLINES AND MORE
23 RESOURCES, THEN WE WILL ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
24 CENTER. TYPICALLY, THIS IS DONE IN CONVERSATION. I SPEAK WITH
25 THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU OR HE



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1 SPEAKS WITH ME, WE ASSESS THE SITUATION AND WE MAKE A
2 DECISION. CERTAINLY, YOUR BOARD ALWAYS HAS THE ABILITY TO
3 ACTIVATE WHEN YOU WISH TO, AS DOES THE SHERIFF AND AS DOES OUR
4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BUT THE DAY-TO-DAY THINGS SORT OF
5 DON'T START OUT WITH THAT HIGH DEGREE OF EVIDENCE. WE HAVE TO
6 EVALUATE SOMETHING, IT'S GETTING WORSE, WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?
7 SELF-ANNOUNCING EVENTS LIKE THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, IT WAS
8 VERY OBVIOUS THAT WE HAD TO ACTIVATE AND WE DID IT VERY
9 QUICKLY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU
12 FOR YOUR REPORT.

13

14 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

17

18 **CONSTANCE PERETT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
2 OF PAULA BROWN, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER
3 13TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND, HER
4 CHILDREN, SISTER AND NIECES. SHE'S THE SISTER OF JACKIE AND
5 SISTER-IN-LAW OF MICHAEL HERNDON. LAFOLLETTE HENDERSON, SR.
6 WHO PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 20TH-- INCIDENTALLY, ON PAULA BROWN,
7 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS BECAUSE MICHAEL MY DRIVER...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS, OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ...IS HIS SISTER-IN-LAW. PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER
12 20TH AT THE AGE OF 87 YEARS. LAFOLLETTE WAS A RESIDENT OF
13 COMPTON. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY WHERE HE WAS A WINCH OPERATOR.
14 HE WAS A MASTER CARPENTER AND BUILT HOUSES IN THE LOS ANGELES
15 BASIN FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. HIS GREATEST JOY WAS GIVING
16 BIBLE STUDIES. HE WAS ALSO PART OF THE PRISON MINISTRY TEAM
17 WHERE HE ADOPTED THE NAME "SCRIPTURE MAN." HIS FAMOUS LINE
18 WAS, "LET ME GIVE YOU ONE MORE TEXT". THE EXCEPTIONAL AND
19 ACCOMPLISHED INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
20 FRIENDS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON, LEON
21 HENDERSON, A BROTHER, MAJOR HOWARD, TWO GRANDCHILDREN,
22 LAFOLLETTE HENDERSON, III, AND JOZON AND GRANDDAUGHTER,
23 SHANDREA HENDERSON. AND FINALLY, GLORIA DEAN WILLIS-ROLLINS
24 WHO PASSED AWAY ON ON NOVEMBER 7TH. SHE WAS LONG-TIME RESIDENT
25 OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND ATTENDED SCHOOL IN COMPTON AREA AND



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1 GRADUATED FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL. SHE GRADUATED IN 1978.
2 SHE LEAVES TO MOURN HER PASSING HER HUSBAND, ALLEN KENT
3 ROLLINS, SONS, ALLEN KENT, JR., KENNETH, AND DANNY, THREE
4 SISTERS AND SEVEN BROTHERS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
7 ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT WE WERE
10 HOLDING. I HAVE NO ITEMS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T BELIEVE I HAVE ANY ADJOURNING
15 MOTIONS TODAY. I DON'T. I BELIEVE ON MY GREEN SHEET MOTION
16 RELATING TO THE HOMELESS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS JOINED ME ON
17 THAT MOTION. I THINK SOMEBODY WAS HOLDING IT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR C.A.O. DAVID,
20 WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE THE COST ESTIMATES OF THE DISCHARGE
21 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE WILL HAVE THOSE, I BELIEVE, FEBRUARY-- THE
24 END OF FEBRUARY IS THE TARGET TO HAVE THOSE DONE AND LET ME
25 SAY YOU ARE NOT MAKING ANY COMMITMENT TODAY IN PASSING THIS



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1 MOTION TO THE DOLLARS. THOSE ARE BEING DEVELOPED, THEY'RE
2 COMING BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST WE WANT TO KNOW IF WE'RE ON THE
3 RIGHT TRACK IN TERMS OF THE APPROACH TO DEALING REGIONALLY
4 WITH THE HOMELESS ISSUE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW FEASIBLE WOULD BE THE ATTEMPT TO
7 IMPLEMENT ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS YOU HAVE SET FORTH IN THE
8 PRELIMINARY REPORT?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I PRESUME THAT WE WOULDN'T BE
11 RECOMMENDING THEM IF THEY WEREN'T FEASIBLE. THEY'RE NOT ALL
12 GOING TO HAPPEN AT ONCE. SOME OF THEM ARE PILOT-- PROPOSED AS
13 PILOT PROGRAMS, IN PART BECAUSE OF THE COST, BUT I THINK THIS
14 IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE
15 HOMELESS SITUATION REGIONALLY THAT HAS EVER BEEN PRODUCED BY
16 THIS COUNTY AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OVER THE LAST YEAR,
17 ALL BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
18 THIS POLICY. IT IS A CHALLENGING ISSUE, THERE IS NO SINGLE
19 SOLUTION TO IT. I SUSPECT THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT SOME
20 OF THESE OPTIONS ARE PRETTY EXPENSIVE AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
21 TO REALLY THINK ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN AFFORD TO DO THEM BUT I
22 THINK THERE WAS AN EARLIER MOTION ON TRYING TO IDENTIFY AN
23 ONGOING REVENUE SOURCE FOR DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS
24 POPULATION, SO IT WILL BE A CHALLENGE, SUPERVISOR. BUT TO DO
25 IT INCREMENTALLY, HISTORICALLY, HASN'T WORKED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WILL YOUR FINAL REPORT INCLUDE A SET
3 OF PRIORITIES AND NEEDS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, IT ABSOLUTELY WILL.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HAVE YOU DETERMINED WHICH OF THESE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SHORT-TERM VERSUS LONG-TERM?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL DO THAT AS PART OF THE REPORT BACK. I
11 THINK SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE EASIER TO DO THAN OTHERS,
12 THE G.R., FOR EXAMPLE, IS A PRETTY SIMPLE ISSUE, THE COST IS
13 GOING TO BE THE CHALLENGE THERE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE PROPOSAL TODAY IS TO MOVE
16 FORWARD WITH THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION WITH LONG-TERM/SHORT-
17 TERM GOALS WITHOUT A FUNDING SOURCE, WHICH WOULD BE DETERMINED
18 LATER?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH WOULD-- WHICH COULD MODIFY THE
23 GOAL TIMETABLE THAT...

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, ABSOLUTELY, THAT IS CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ALL WE'RE DOING HERE IS MOVING
3 FORWARD TO IDENTIFY AND CLARIFY THE...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I SPEAK TO...

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THE ANSWER IS YES. YOU'RE NOT COMMITTING
8 DOLLARS, YOU'RE NOT MAKING A DECISION TO SPEND MONEY TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST-- I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS,
11 AND I THINK A NUMBER OF US WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE'LL HAVE
12 THIS BACK WITH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AND THAT'S
13 THE INTENT OF THE MOTION BUT I THINK THE MOTION IS A
14 COMPILATION OF WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE BY OUR DEPARTMENTS BY THE
15 C.A.O. AND IT ENDORSES AN APPROACH. IT DOESN'T-- IT DOESN'T
16 IMPLEMENT IT AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF THE COST ISSUES THAT
17 WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH BUT IT ENDORSES AN APPROACH AND IT IS
18 THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH I'VE SEEN OUT OF THE COUNTY
19 ORGANIZATION SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE ON THE HOMELESS ISSUES, AND
20 THE MOTION THAT OUTLINES THEM, I WON'T READ THEM AND I WON'T
21 REPEAT THEM BUT IT'S-- IT'S INTENDED TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE
22 ISSUES THAT AROSE ON DISCHARGE POLICIES AND DISCHARGE
23 PROBLEMS, ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES AND USING THE G.R.
24 AS A TOOL TO LEVERAGE THOSE SERVICES AND THE LIKE. AT LEAST WE
25 HAVE A ROAD MAP OF WHAT OUR BEST MINDS IN THIS COUNTY THINK



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1 ARE SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES WE SHOULD REACH,
2 WHETHER WE CAN AFFORD THEM OR NOT IS WHAT THE C.A.O. IS GOING
3 TO HAVE TO BRING BACK TO US AND WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A
4 DETERMINATION ON THAT BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE-- SO OFTEN WE DO IT
5 THE OTHER WAY AROUND, WE HAVE SO MUCH MONEY, BUT WE HAVEN'T
6 REALLY THOUGHT IT THROUGH IN A FRAMEWORK SENSE. I THINK THIS
7 IS A GOOD WAY TO DO IT AND IT'S-- WE'LL SEE WHAT COMES OF IT
8 BUT I THINK IT'S GOOD WORK BY THE STAFF, BY THE C.A.O. AND THE
9 OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS AND I URGE US
10 TO MOVE FORWARD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** IN THE LETTER THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED, IT REFERS
15 TO STABILIZATION CENTERS AND IN-- I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO COMMENT
16 ON THE STABILIZATION CENTERS. I THINK THAT'S EXCELLENT IN
17 TERMS OF PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN BE RELEASED AND I HOPE THAT
18 WE GET SOME DEVELOPMENT OF EXACTLY WHAT WE MEAN BY THOSE
19 STABILIZATION CENTERS AND IF THESE ARE LONG-TERM, SHORT-TERM,
20 EXACTLY WHAT THEY MEAN AND WILL THEY BE IN ALL DISTRICTS, IN
21 ALL AREAS? BECAUSE SO OFTEN THE STABILIZATION CENTERS END UP
22 IN JUST A FEW PLACES. I KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD TO ESTABLISH ONE
23 IN OUR DISTRICT BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE BEING LEFT THERE AND THEY
24 WERE BEING DUMPED AT THE PARK. SO WE HAD TO GO THROUGH AND GET
25 WHAT SOMEONE-- A CHURCH ACTUALLY CAME FORWARD TO PROVIDE A



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1 SPACE OF WHERE THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE BEING TRANSPORTED COULD
2 GO THERE. SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT, AS WE TALK
3 ABOUT THE STABILIZATION CENTERS, WE FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW THEY
4 ARE-- WOULD OPERATE AND THAT THEY WOULD BE DISBURSED
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I DIDN'T FIND THAT IN THE MOTION AS
6 SUCH AND THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STABILIZATION CENTERS BUT I
7 WOULD BE-- I THINK THEY'RE A VERY GOOD IDEA AND I SEE THEM IN
8 THE LETTER, BUT WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON IT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. THE WHOLE
11 PURPOSE BEHIND THE STABILIZATION CENTERS WOULD BE TO SPREAD
12 IT. IT'S IN THE CONTEXT OF AVOIDING A CONCENTRATION THAT WE'VE
13 BEEN HAVING IN CERTAIN PLACES, SO I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU ON
14 THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK THAT WE'RE ALL VERY
19 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS CONCEPT. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT-- I MEAN,
20 OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN'T DENY THAT THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT
21 POLICY DECISION IN THE SAME BOAT AND, WHILE ALL OF THESE IDEAS
22 MAY BE VERY COMPASSIONATE AND WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE
23 ON A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS, THEY COULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT FROM
24 A COST STANDPOINT. I MEAN, PARTICULARLY, YOU KNOW, THE
25 STABILIZATION CENTERS AS WELL AS THE G.R. ELEMENT COULD HAVE A



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1 VERY SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO DO THAT BUT
2 I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT WE'RE NOT AUTHORIZING ANY DOLLARS
3 TODAY BUT TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET SOME ANSWERS BACK TO SEE
4 WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE CAN-- HOW WE CAN PUT IT TOGETHER OR
5 WHAT WE CAN PUT TOGETHER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY.
8 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A FEW ADJOURNMENTS.
11 FIRST OF ALL, WAS JUST INFORMED ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO AGO THAT,
12 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY ALBERTINE GIN, SHE'S A LONG-TIME
13 RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH AND MOTHER TO MY SAN PEDRO DEPUTY
14 AND MAYOR OF REDONDO BEACH, MIKE GIN. SHE WILL BE SORELY
15 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON,
16 MIKE. ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO, THAT ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROYCE BROWN, WHO
21 PASSED AWAY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. HE IS THE BROTHER OF
22 A GOOD FRIEND, DON BROWN, AND HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, CATHY, AND HE
23 WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF A STRONG ADVOCATE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, EMMA
25 RUCHAMES. EMMA PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 10TH AT THE AGE OF 91



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1 WITH HER FAMILY AT HER SIDE. SHE WAS A NATIVE OF NEW YORK BUT
2 LIVED IN LONG BEACH FOR THE PAST 46 YEARS. ALL HER LIFE, SHE
3 GAVE HER TIME AND ENERGY TO ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR HUMAN
4 RIGHTS. SHE LEAVES AN INSPIRING ETHICAL LEGACY, A BELIEF THAT
5 WE ARE OBLIGATED EACH IN OUR OWN WAY TO MAKE THIS WORLD A
6 BETTER PLACE FOR ALL. SHE'LL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND HER
7 WIDE CIRCLE OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, NOT ONLY IN THE
8 CITY OF LONG BEACH BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SHE WAS PRECEDED
9 IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND AND SOUL MATE, MICKEY AND SURVIVED BY
10 DAUGHTER, DONNA, HUSBAND, DON, SON, ERIC, AND WIFE, MINDY AND
11 GRANDSON, BENJAMIN AND NATHAN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
14 ORDERED.

15
16 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD-- I HELD ITEM 32.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU SIGNED UP FOR 42? WHICH ONE?

19
20 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 32.

21
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 32. ANYONE SIGNED UP?

23
24 **SUP. KNABE:** THE MEDI-CAL CONTRACT WITH THE STATE. I HAVE SOME
25 QUESTIONS FOR...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CHERNOFF?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** ...CHERNOFF AND THE C.A.O., WHOEVER CAN ANSWER
5 THESE THINGS. ALTHOUGH THE MOTION SIMPLY ASKS, YOU KNOW,
6 BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING. THE POTENTIALS HERE ARE VERY
7 SIGNIFICANT AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT DO WE THINK THE IMPACT, THE
8 REDESIGN OF THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE IN TERMS OF
9 SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS, NUMBER 1? LET'S START WITH THAT ONE.

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND-- ACTUALLY, GOOD
12 MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. GARY WELLS FROM
13 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE, WE HAD ADVISED THE BOARD IN SEPTEMBER AND THEN UPDATED
15 IN NOVEMBER THAT OUR CURRENT PROJECTIONS FOR MEDI-CAL REDESIGN
16 INDICATE THAT WE WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT \$73 MILLION BETTER OFF
17 THIS YEAR UNDER MEDI-CAL REDESIGN THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED WHEN
18 WE ADOPTED THE BUDGET. WE ALSO REPORTED INCREASED AMOUNTS
19 THROUGH ALL OF OUR 5 FORECASTING YEARS. IN OUR NOVEMBER
20 REPORT, WE INDICATED A TOTAL OF ABOUT 500 MILLION. NOW, WE
21 ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE ARE SOME TRIGGERS WITHIN THE MEDI-
22 CAL REDESIGN LEGISLATION THAT COULD CAUSE THINGS TO GO SOUTH
23 ON US. WE DON'T KNOW THAT THEY WILL, BUT THERE ARE SOME
24 FORMULAS THAT-- ONE EXPIRES AFTER THE FIRST YEAR AND HAS TO BE
25 RENEGOTIATED, ANOTHER ONE EXPIRES AFTER THE SECOND YEAR AND



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1 HAS TO BE RENEGOTIATED BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION NEW AT THIS
2 POINT THAT WOULD CHANGE THOSE CURRENT PROJECTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, UNDER THE MEDI-CAL REDESIGN, AS YOU SEE IT
5 RIGHT NOW, WOULD THE NUMBER OF MEDI-CAL RECIPIENTS GO DOWN,
6 WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED PATIENTS BOTH THE
7 COUNTY, THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS AS WELL AS THE PRIVATES WE'D HAVE
8 TO TREAT?

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10 **GARY WELLS:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO. IN FACT, THE STATE HAS MADE IT
11 SORT OF A CORNERSTONE OF THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THIS DEAL
12 THAT THEY'RE NOT CUTTING ELIGIBILITY AND THEY'RE NOT CUTTING
13 BENEFITS. THEY WOULD LIKE-- THE STATE ADMINISTRATION WOULD
14 LIKE TO PUT THE SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY
15 MANDATORILY INTO MANAGED CARE BUT THE LEGISLATURE WAS
16 UNWILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THAT, WHEN SB-1100 WAS PASSED IN
17 SEPTEMBER, WHICH WAS THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THE
18 FEDERAL WAIVER, ALTHOUGH WE DO HEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
19 WILL POTENTIALLY RAISE THAT AGAIN WHEN THE LEGISLATURE
20 RECONVENES AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS
21 OF TRYING TO ASSESS WHAT THAT IMPACT MIGHT BE ON THE COUNTY.
22 IN FACT, WE MET WITH DR. CHERNOF A FEW DAYS AGO TO GO OVER
23 SOME PRELIMINARY NUMBERS AND ASSUMPTIONS. HE'S ASKED US TO
24 REDIRECT A FEW OF THE ASSUMPTIONS BUT WE ARE WORKING ON TRYING



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1 TO COME UP WITH A VERY PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE AS TO WHAT THE
2 IMPACT OF THAT MIGHT BE SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE PASS THAT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I KNOW WE'RE UP AGAINST THE WALL ON THE
5 LEGISLATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE BUT, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THIS
6 IS, I THINK, SOMEWHAT ABNORMAL IN THE SENSE THAT WE'RE SORT OF
7 AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTION AND NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT THAT
8 REALLY COULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR US. AND
9 SO, I MEAN, AT THE END OF THE DAY, I MEAN, DO YOU THINK THIS
10 REDESIGN IS GOING TO HELP OR HURT THE COUNTY FINANCIALLY?

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12 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK, LIKE EVERY OTHER
13 SOLUTION THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED TO OUR FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, IT
14 WILL STAND IN THE GAP FOR A FEW YEARS AND WE'VE GOT TO
15 CONTINUE TO BE IN THE HUNT TO LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, IF THIS THING
16 NEEDS PROPPING UP AT A POINT IN TIME, WE NEED TO BE PREPARED
17 TO DO THAT. IF WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR OTHER ALTERNATIVES,
18 WE NEED TO BE DOING THAT AND WE ARE. SO, I MEAN, WE JUST NEED
19 TO KEEP PAYING ATTENTION AND KEEP BEING PART OF THE EFFORT,
20 ALONG WITH THE OTHER PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN THE STATE TO SEE THAT
21 WE CONTINUE TO GET THE FUNDING WE NEED TO DRIVE OUR PROGRAMS.
22 AND WHAT THIS ACTION BASICALLY DOES IS SB-1100 REQUIRES THAT
23 MEDI-CAL CONTRACTS BE MAINTAINED BY THOSE PROVIDERS THAT
24 PARTICIPATE IN GETTING THESE MEDI-CAL FUNDS. THE BASIC CHANGE
25 IS, IS THAT, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS IN OUR MEDI-CAL



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1 CONTRACT, WE'VE HAD A BASE PER DIEM PAYMENT RATE. THAT'S NOW
2 BEING CHANGED TO A COST REIMBURSEMENT OR CERTIFIED PUBLIC
3 EXPENDITURE-BASED REIMBURSEMENT AND THOSE TERMS NEED TO CHANGE
4 OR ELSE THE STATE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START PAYING US
5 HOPEFULLY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES CMAC STILL NEGOTIATES SOME OF THE RATES OR
12 ARE THEY OUT OF THE LOOP NOW?

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14 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, CMAC IS IN A NEGOTIATING RATE WITH THE
15 PRIVATE SECTOR. THE WAY THE PUBLIC SECTOR PART OF SB-1100 HAS
16 BEEN STRUCTURED IS IT REALLY IS A FORMULA-DRIVEN REIMBURSEMENT
17 SYSTEM AND, ACTUALLY, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SOUGHT BECAUSE
18 THE PREDICTABILITY OF FORECASTING WHEN YOU HAVE TO GO BACK
19 EVERY YEAR AND RENEGOTIATE YOUR DEAL IS PRETTY PERILOUS. THE
20 PROBLEM IS, THE FORMULA IS STILL BEING DEFINED, TO A CERTAIN
21 EXTENT, BECAUSE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT WERE NEGOTIATED
22 WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEFT BLANK BASICALLY WHAT A-- WHAT
23 THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE IS GOING TO
24 BE AND WHAT METHODOLOGY IS GOING TO BE EMPLOYED. WE HAVE, FOR
25 THE LAST FEW MONTHS, BEEN WORKING WITH THE STATE AND THE



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1 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO TRY TO DEFINE
2 THAT IN A MANNER THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO C.M.S. AT THE
3 FEDERAL LEVEL. BUT C.M.A.C., WE HAVE TO HAVE A C.M.A.C.
4 CONTRACT FOR THE LEGISLATION BUT IT'S KIND OF PERFUNCTORY IN
5 THE SENSE THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT IS GOING TO BE FORMULA-DRIVEN
6 IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THERE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WILL BE
9 DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS WITH DIFFERENT STATES ON WHAT'S A PUBLIC
10 EXPENDITURE?

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12 **GARY WELLS:** IT'S POSSIBLE BUT I THINK THE CURRENT
13 ADMINISTRATION IN C.M.S. IS GOING TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO
14 TRY TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY? SO WE HAVE A MOTION. SO MOVED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK
18 YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADOPT
23 THIS REWARD MOTION TODAY. BETWEEN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AND
24 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, NUMEROUS ITEMS, INCLUDING THE DOORS,
25 SCREENS, HARDWARE, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WERE DAMAGED AT THE



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1 GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LA CRESCENTA. GRAFFITI WAS
2 LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH PREMISES. THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING INFORMATION TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND THE
4 SUSPECTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS VANDALISM, WHICH INCLUDED MANY
5 SATANIC AND HATEFUL SLOGANS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
6 OFFER A REWARD FOR \$10,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
7 ARREST AND CONVICTION OF SUSPECTS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGING
8 NUMEROUS ITEMS, INCLUDING THE DOORS, SCREENS, HARDWARE,
9 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LA
10 CRESCENTA AND REQUEST THE HATE CRIMES TASK FORCE TO ASSIST
11 WITH THE SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE HATE CRIME AND
12 REQUEST THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER PROSECUTING THE
13 MATTER AS A HATE CRIME. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
14 SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD A REWARD MOTION THAT I DON'T HAVE IN FRONT
17 OF ME. I CAN DESCRIBE IT. LAST WEEKEND, A NINE-YEAR-OLD WAS
18 STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE ON-- AT RODEO NEAR MARTIN LUTHER KING
19 BY A HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER. THEY HAVE A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF THE
20 CAR, A BURGUNDY FORD OR LINCOLN WITH A WHEEL ON THE BACK SO
21 THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO COME FORWARD IF
22 THERE IS A REWARD THAT'S OFFERED. WE WERE TO HAVE ONE
23 PREPARED, BUT I DON'T HAVE IT RIGHT HERE, BUT I WOULD MOVE
24 THAT AN APPROPRIATE REWARD BE OFFERED, AND I THINK I HAVE THE
25 RIGHT TO DO A 5,000, RIGHT? FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE



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1 ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
2 THAT HIT-AND-RUN.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE WE ADJOURN TODAY
6 IN MEMORY OF ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ, WHO IS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT
7 WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE PIONEERED A
8 SOPHISTICATED PRIVATE SECURITY METHODS AND DEVELOPED AN
9 INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS THE FOUNDER OF THE PASADENA-BASED
10 INTER-CON SECURITY SYSTEMS INCORPORATED. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE
11 AGE OF 74.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN WITH YOU ON THAT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE LIVES HIS FOUR CHILDREN, ROLAND, YVONNE,
16 BERTHA AND AMELIA, AND HIS WIFE, BERTHA AND GLORIA AND
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE WANT TO BE ON THAT AS WELL. LEO STENSETH, WHO
18 WAS A FORMER SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND
19 SERVED AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS,
20 WHO PASSED AWAY. WENDIE JO SPERBER, THE ACTRESS WHO STARRED
21 ALONGSIDE TOM HANKS ON THE TELEVISION SHOW "BOSOM BUDDIES" AND
22 THE FILM, "BACHELOR PARTY" WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST
23 CANCER IN '97. IN 2001, SHE FOUNDED WESPARK CANCER SUPPORT
24 CENTER, WHICH OFFERS CLASSES, THERAPY AND FUN EVENTS FOR



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1 CANCER VICTIMS FREE OF CHARGE. SHE PASSED AWAY AT HER HOME AT
2 THE AGE OF 47.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** JOIN ON THAT ONE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SIDNEY FACTOR, NATIONAL BUSINESSMAN
7 AND PHILANTHROPIST, PASSED AWAY ON THE 15TH. NORMA AND
8 MARGARET VORDERSTRASSE, BOTH LONG-TIME RESIDENTS OF TUJUNGA,
9 ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LA CRESCENTA GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
10 PASSED AWAY. LOIS SCOVERN OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO WAS THE
11 OPERATOR OF SCOVERN MORTUARY IN THE GLENDALE AREA PASSED AWAY.
12 DONALD WUCETICH OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THERESA SPALLA OF
13 PALMDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. SECONDED BY
14 MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WHAT ITEMS DO WE HAVE
15 LEFT? OKAY. ITEM 34. WE HAVE DR. CLAVREUL. WE HAVE 37, 40, 61,
16 38.

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW MY CONCERN ABOUT SOLE- VENDOR
20 CONTRACTS, YOU KNOW, I WAS HOPING, AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE
21 WOULD NOT HAVE SO MANY. I OBJECT TO THIS BECAUSE IT IS A SOLE
22 VENDOR CONTRACT AND CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS PRESENTED IN THE
23 HEALTH DEPUTY _____ AS YOUR SYSTEM IN THE U.S. OF THE SAME
24 EQUIVALENT. I THINK ALSO IT'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE
25 A.S.K. IS ONE OF THE GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN SPONSORING THAT



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1 PROGRAM AND ALSO REPRESENT MULTIPLE HOSPITALS IN THIS COUNTY,
2 SO I THINK YOU SHOULD LOOK AT IT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 37. EXCUSE ME. ITEM
6 NUMBER 40. DR. CLAVREUL, ITEM NUMBER 40.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK THAT DR.
9 CHERNOF SHOULD GET THAT INCREASE IN PAY. FIRST OF ALL,
10 ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN MOTION, HE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE HIS
11 POSITION UNTIL JANUARY 6TH. SO WHY ARE WE PAYING HIM NOW?
12 WELL, ANYWAY, ON-- HUH?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S EFFECTIVE UPON THE APPOINTMENT, JANUARY
15 16TH.

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17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, OKAY, BUT TODAY, ON THE
18 TELEPROMPTER, THEY WERE PUTTING THAT HE WAS ALREADY THE ACTING
19 DIRECTOR SO AND, IN PRINCIPLE, I DON'T THINK HE'S QUALIFIED TO
20 GET THAT INCREASE BECAUSE I SAW SOME OF HIS WORK. NOT
21 IMPRESSIVE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY KNABE.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM, 61. PETER BAXTER.
25 AND 38? WHO IS SIGNED UP FOR 38?



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2 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
3 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND
4 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS
5 AGENDA ITEM IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE REGISTRAR-
6 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE MAYOR TO
7 SIGN CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL MATTERS. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE
8 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IS THE COUNTY OFFICER WHO PRESIDES OVER
9 THE TABULATION OF THE VOTES WHICH ARE CAST IN THIS COUNTY IN
10 THE SEVERAL ELECTIONS WHICH ARE HELD IN THIS COUNTY FROM TIME
11 TO TIME. AS SUCH REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, THE REGISTRAR MUST
12 MAINTAIN A STRICT POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IN TERMS OF THE
13 PERSONAL VIEWS OF THE REGISTRAR CONCERNING ELECTIONS WHICH ARE
14 PENDING OR WHICH MAY OCCUR IN THE FUTURE. SUCH A POSSIBLE,
15 PERHAPS PROBABLE ELECTION IS ONE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF
16 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BY USING THE TITLE OF THE OFFICE OF
17 MAYOR IN THIS AGENDA ITEM, THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR MAY BE
18 CONSTRUED AS FORMALLY ENDORSING OR RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS A
19 CONCEPT OF A MAYOR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH IS
20 FORMALLY NOTICED AND RECOGNIZED BY THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER
21 IN THIS COUNTY. IT IS MY OWN SENSE THAT THE ORIGINAL WORDING
22 OF THE AGENDA ITEM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR CARRIED NO
23 SUCH REFERENCE TO THE PROSPECT OF AN OFFICE OF THE MAYOR FOR
24 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT'S JUST MY GUESS BECAUSE THE
25 REGISTRAR IS SO SQUEAKY CLEAN CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT SHE DOES AND



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1 WHAT SHE DOESN'T DO, AND HERE SHE IS APPARENTLY ENDORSING WHAT
2 IS A CAMPAIGN BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. AND WE
3 HAVE ON THIS VERY SAME BOARD A SUPERVISOR FOR THE THIRD
4 DISTRICT WHO CLAIMS THAT HE IS THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEM. HE'S NOT
5 THE MAYOR PRO TEM AND HE IS THE ONLY ONE, AS FAR AS I KNOW,
6 WHO HAS ACTUALLY OBJECTED TO THE USE OF THE TERM "MAYOR."
7 HOWEVER, IT IS UNCLEAR FROM THE AGENDA ITEM STANDING ALONE THE
8 FACT THAT THE CONCEPT OF A MAYOR FOR THE COUNTY IS ENTERED
9 INTO THIS AGENDA ITEM BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER SURELY CALLS
10 FOR A CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT THIS ENTRY BY THE REGISTRAR-
11 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK SIGNIFIES. IS IT RIDICULOUS, IS IT
12 SILLY, IS IT WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TALKED ABOUT "YOUR
13 EXCELLENCY," WHICH SOUNDS SOMETHING LIKE A DANNY KAYE MOVIE OR
14 IS IT SOMETHING WHICH IS AN OPENING STANDARD, OPENING FOR A
15 CAMPAIGN? BECAUSE I REMEMBER THE LATE, THE FORMER SUPERVISOR,
16 PETER F. SCHABARUM, HE WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF IT, ALL OF
17 WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR.
18 PRESIDENT-- MR. CHAIRMAN.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. SO MOVED.
21 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
22 ORDERED. JENNY YANG. ITEM NUMBER 38.

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24 **JENNY YANG:** I'M BACK. HELLO AGAIN.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HELLO.

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3 **JENNY YANG:** WELL, WE WANTED TO COMMENT ON ITEM 38 AND THIS IS
4 WITH REGARDS TO A CONTRACT FOR THE MEDICAL RECORD CODING AND
5 ABSTRACTING SERVICES. IT'S PRETTY MUCH, YOU KNOW, THE SAME
6 STORY THAT WE'VE HEARD EARLIER EXCEPT IN THIS CASE IT IS
7 ALREADY A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION AND IT IS RECOGNIZING THAT
8 THEY'RE TRYING TO SEEK A NEW R.F.P. PROCESS, WHICH WE
9 ENCOURAGE, YOU KNOW, BUT WE DO WANT TO POINT OUT THIS IS THE
10 TENTH AMENDMENT AND CLEARLY, YOU KNOW, AS YOU'VE REMARKED, THE
11 SYSTEM HAD NOT BEEN CORRECT AND WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE TOWARDS
12 THAT DIRECTION. WE'D ENCOURAGE THAT THIS R.F.P., WHICH THEY
13 ARE CONSIDERING, AND OTHER R.F.P. PROCESSES FOR THESE
14 TEMPORARY CONTRACTS BE REISSUED UNDER PROPOSITION A SO THAT WE
15 ENCOURAGE A HIGHER STANDARD OF COST EFFECTIVENESS, AND SO I'M
16 NOT SURE WHAT THAT REQUIRES OF YOU TODAY AS SUPERVISORS, GIVEN
17 THAT WE'VE ALREADY PASSED THE MOTION UNDER 31 AND 37 BUT, YOU
18 KNOW, I JUST WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE ISSUE
19 OF MEDICAL RECORD CODERS AS WELL AS OTHER MEDICAL PERSONNEL
20 AND CLASSIFICATIONS, YOU SEE THE SAME PATTERN OVER AND OVER
21 AGAIN OF EXTENSIONS AND INCREASED CONTRACTS WITHOUT INCREASED
22 COST EFFECTIVENESS OR REDUCED UTILIZATION. AND, IN THIS CASE,
23 WE'D ACTUALLY URGE THAT MEDICAL RECORD CODERS BE INCLUDED IN A
24 REPORT BACK IN A FUTURE DATE SO THAT WE ALSO DRAW DOWN THE
25 NUMBER OF-- TRACK THE DRAWING DOWN OF THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL



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1 RECORD CODERS UTILIZED VIA THE CONTRACT REGISTRIES AND
2 INCREASE THE RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT. AS YOU SEE ON THE
3 ORDINANCE TODAY, THERE IS A RECLASSIFICATION ACTION ITEM ON
4 THE MEDICAL RECORD CODERS AND THAT IS A STAR AND THAT'S BEEN A
5 PROCESS LONG COMING. WE'RE ALSO UNDER NEGOTIATION TO INCREASE-
6 - TO IMPROVE, YOU KNOW, THE COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR THE
7 MEDICAL RECORD CODERS, SO THIS IS ALL HAPPENING IN CONCERT,
8 AND WE'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADD THIS PIECE OF ACCOUNTABILITY
9 WHETHER IT'S ISSUING THE PROPOSITION "A" OR, YOU KNOW, HAVING
10 SOME KIND OF SORT OF TRACKING OF REDUCTION IN THE UTILIZATION
11 OF THESE REGISTRY WORKERS. SO, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, I'M NOT
12 REALLY SURE IF ANY OF YOU ARE PREPARED TO SORT OF ADD THAT TO
13 THE TABLE TODAY BUT, YOU KNOW, 660 WOULD ENCOURAGE THE RECORD
14 CODERS AS WELL ON THE TABLE FOR, YOU KNOW, MORE VIGILANT
15 TRACKING OF THE CONTRACTING OUT.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. JANSSEN.

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I THINK THE DEPARTMENT OUGHT TO RESPOND
20 TO THAT BUT I DON'T SEE IN THE TRACKING THAT THERE'S ANY
21 PROBLEM WITH THAT TO THE PREVIOUS BOARD MOTION. I'M NOT SURE
22 ABOUT THE PROP "A" BUT CERTAINLY THE TRACKING.

23

24 **JENNY YANG:** RIGHT. IT'S A REPORT BACK.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** UTILIZATION, RIGHT, REPORT BACK.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY
4 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 87, WE
5 HAVE TO SWEAR IN THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO TESTIFY.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 87, PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISHES TO
11 TESTIFY ON ITEM NUMBER 87? IF NOT, MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MR. MAYOR, MAY I JUST BRIEFLY READ
15 THIS INTO THE RECORD, THE HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
16 TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS TO
17 ESTABLISH A NEW COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY
18 PERMIT TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH QUARTERLY
19 INSPECTIONS. ALSO THERE'S THE ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8
20 CONSUMER PROTECTION AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FEE RELATED TO THE
22 COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY PERMIT. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? NO
25 PUBLIC COMMENT? BEFORE WE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, WE JUST



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1 WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HANUKKAH.
2 AS I SAID EARLIER, THEY BOTH FALL ON DECEMBER 25TH THIS YEAR
3 AND ALSO A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THE ROSE PARADE WILL BE ON
4 THE 2ND AND ROSE BOWL GAME WILL BE ON JANUARY 4TH, WHERE THE
5 TWO BEST FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE NATION THIS YEAR WILL BE
6 PLAYING FOR THAT TITLE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND
7 TEXAS. SO...

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
10 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
12 1. ITEM CS-2 WAS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. THEN THE NEXT MEETING OF
13 THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006, AT 9:30
14 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON DECEMBER 20, 2005**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 County of

7 Los Angeles, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Riverside

8 Superior Court Case No. RIC 426822 (consolidated) City of

9 Inglewood, et al. v. U.S. Department of Transportation, et

10 al., Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Case No. 05-74051

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12 These cases involve challenges to the state and federal

13 environmental documentation for the Los Angeles International

14 Airport Master Plan expansion project.

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16 Continued to January 10, 2006.

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